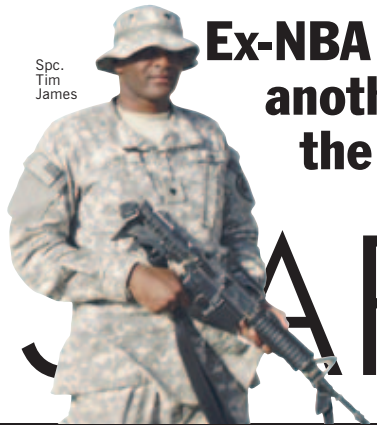

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'I regret that I went to vote'

Stories of intimidation emerge as Afghanistan waits for results Page 6

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Lal Mohammad's nose and ears were cut off by the Taliban when they found his voting card on election day last month in Afghanistan. The attack was the third confirmed report of the Taliban mutilating people who sought to cast ballots in the electoral contest. Mohammad's story emerged the same day Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal delivered his assessment of the war to military officials in the U.S. and Europe.

Sailor dies after allegedly attacking his family

BY TRAVIS J. TRITTEN AND CHIYOMI SUMIDA
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — A USS Denver sailor died in a motorcycle crash after he allegedly assaulted his family in an attack that left his 12-year-old son dead Sunday at Sasebo Naval Base in Japan, base officials said Monday.

John W. Bench Jr., 39, died after his motorcycle collided with oncoming vehicles on a Sasebo expressway, Japanese police said.

The Navy would not confirm the identity of the sailor or name his family members Monday, citing an ongoing investigation. But the USS Denver's Web page in early August listed a John W. Bench as the ship's command master chief.

The crash occurred Sunday afternoon shortly after the alleged attack at a main base housing facility.

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General calls for new Afghan strategy

BY JASON STRAZIUSO
The Associated Press

KABUL — The commander of U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan said Monday in an assessment of the war that a new strategy was needed to fight the Taliban, while NATO officials disclosed he is expected to separately request more troops.

Boosting the number of U.S. forces in Afghanistan is a hot-button issue that could ignite furious debate in Washington on the U.S. military's future in an increasingly unpopular war. Some Democratic senators have increased calls for a timeline to draw down troops.

Gen. Stanley McChrystal sent his strategic review of the Afghan war to the Pentagon and NATO headquarters Monday. U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates ordered the 60-day review to size up the rapidly deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan as Taliban attacks rise and U.S. deaths spiral upward.

"The situation in Afghanistan is serious, but success is achievable and demands a revised implementation strategy, commitment and resolve, and increased unity of effort," McChrystal said in a statement Monday.

A NATO statement said McChrystal's assessment seeks to implement President Barack Obama's strategy "to reduce the capability and will" of insurgents and extremists, including al-Qaida, and support the growth and development of Afghan security forces and Afghan governance.

McChrystal did not ask for more troops but is expected to do so in a separate request in a couple of weeks, two NATO officials said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the matter.

The U.S. already has some 62,000 troops in Afghanistan — a record number — and will have 68,000 by the end of the year.

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According to NATO officials who have seen it, **the report recommends focusing counterinsurgency efforts on the Afghan population** and less on militants. The general is expected to submit a separate **request for more troops** soon.

Making it Fit

With help from an AF expert, Stripes reporter hopes to reclaim his fit physique

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Once we were awake and saw what happened, it flipped over in one minute. Then us country boys went into survival mode. That's all we could do."

— James Phillips, 30, on the capsizing of his boat, which stranded him and two others in the Gulf of Mexico for eight days before being rescued.

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Army survey more reservist-friendly

By Mark Abramson
Stars and Stripes

When Army leaders created a survey to get soldiers' take on how well the service was addressing quality-of-life issues, reservists and National Guard members who serve side by side with active-duty troops probably felt a little left out.

The monthlong Army Family Covenant survey, which began Aug. 15, was sent to 300,000 soldiers, both active-duty and reservists.

But, Lt. Col. Charles Sherman, a reservist serving in Baghdad, said he was immediately put off by the questionnaire.

"I started taking it and discovered they don't care what I have to say," said Sherman, of the 358th Civil Affairs Brigade at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside, Calif.

The first two questions ask about the location of his garrison, he said, and Army reservists are not assigned to garrisons, so those questions don't apply. Sherman said the survey made him feel like he was not part of the same Army as active-duty soldiers, even though he was serving in Kuwait and getting ready to head to Iraq when he received it.

The survey wasn't geared toward Army reservists, according to Kevin Crouch, acting public affairs officer for the Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command. However, the survey has since been changed.

"Once we realized that was a sticking issue with reservists, we went ahead and changed it," Crouch said. "Anyone now can take that survey."

The Family Covenant is a promise made by Army leaders to improve quality of life in the service by increasing accessibility and quality of health care; improving soldier and family housing; addressing schools, youth services and child care; and expanding education and employment opportunities for family members.

Department of Defense civilians and soldiers' family members can also take the survey, which can be found online at: www.armymwr.com/fmwrc/AFC/survey.htm.

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Back to school, rain or shine

More than 22,000 students at 21 schools across Guam, mainland Japan, Okinawa and South Korea started class Monday. Above: Students at Camp Kinser Elementary School on Okinawa recite the Pledge of Allegiance on their first day of classes. Far right: Erin Fillion, left, walks students to Shirley Lanham Elementary at Atsugi Air Base, Japan. Right: Camp Kinser commander Col. Scott Erdelatz, Haley Short, 6, and DODDS-Pacific director Diana Ohman ring in the new school year Monday at Camp Kinser Elementary School on Okinawa.

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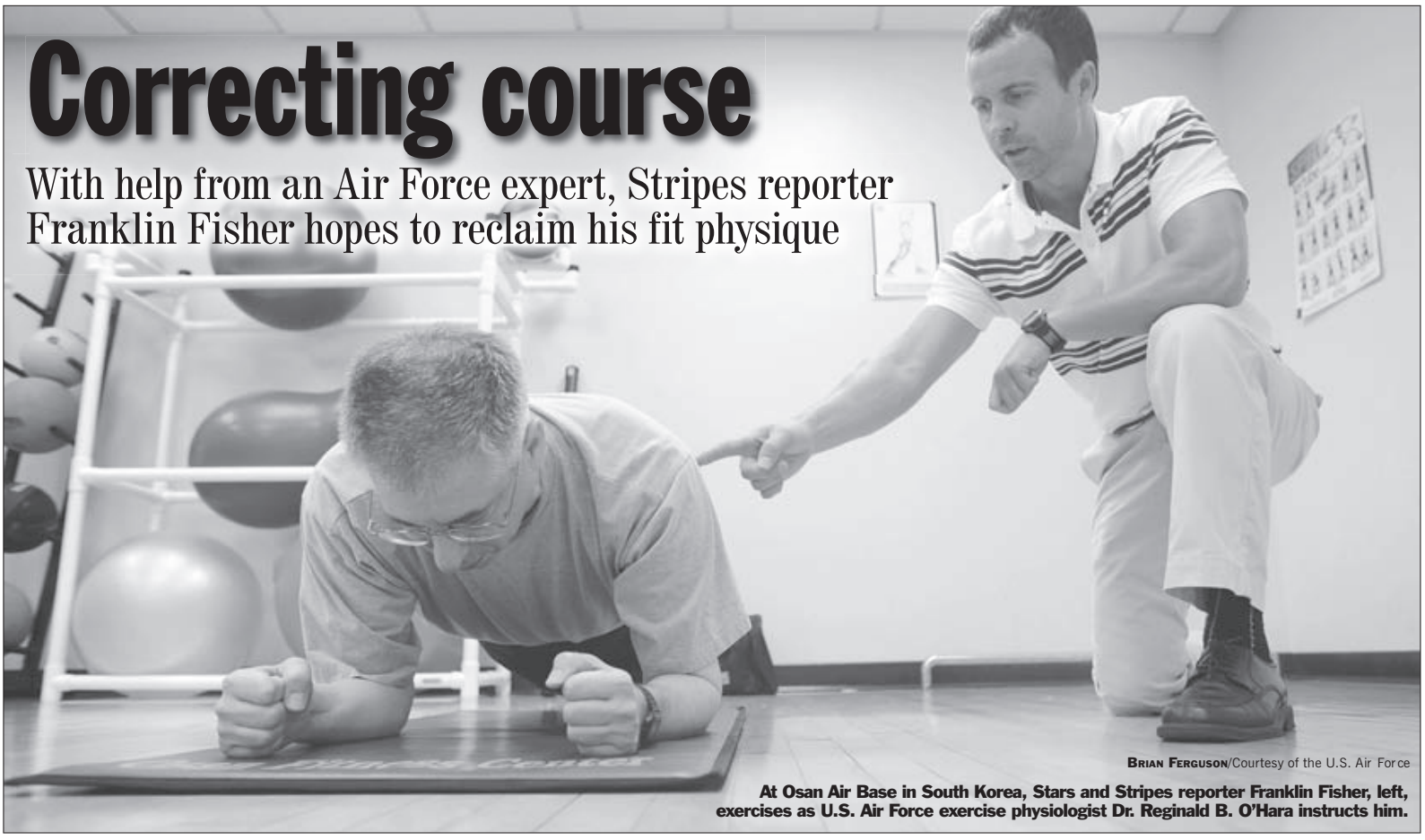
Correcting course

With help from an Air Force expert, Stripes reporter Franklin Fisher hopes to reclaim his fit physique



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At Osan Air Base in South Korea, Stars and Stripes reporter Franklin Fisher, left, exercises as U.S. Air Force exercise physiologist Dr. Reginald B. O'Hara instructs him.

BY FRANKLIN FISHER
Stars and Stripes

Although it's nearly 40 years since I served in Vietnam, I'm launching an exercise program to make me fit for combat conditions — and will be blogging about it with whatever laughs at my expense that may entail.

An Air Force exercise physiologist drew up the six-day-a-week program tailored to my age (57), gender, weight and other factors, including my fitness goals, after taking measurements and running me through a battery of fitness tests.

How I fare in this effort will be the subject of a new weekly blog on the Stars and Stripes Web site.

We're hoping, my bruised vanity notwithstanding, that you find it interesting, and maybe encouraging in your own efforts to get or stay physically fit.

I'll be on assignment in Afghanistan or Iraq this winter and will post weekly updates from the war zone, for a look at how the regimen worked out in actual combat conditions. When I return in January, the physiologist, Dr. Reginald B. O'Hara, will look me over and give me a final report card on the whole effort. I'll tell you that outcome in the final blog entry.

All the way into my late 40s, I'd stayed so trim and healthy through regular exercise and disciplined eating that people often complimented me on my fit appearance.

I'd done it mainly by sticking with the calisthenics and running I'd learned during my four years in the Army. I'd been a paratrooper, and served in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., in Vietnam in 1971 with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, and later with an Airborne element of the 8th Infantry Division in what was then West Germany.

As I approached and then entered my 50s, my exercise routine dwindled to almost nothing. And the effects, of course, began to show.

In my 20s I'd had a waist somewhere around 30 inches, but by mid-2004 it was a 36.

Moreover, what for decades had been a set of washboard abs had given way to a paunch and flab at the midsection.

And that, I want to tell you — that flab — O thing of vileness! — that paunch — O wretched obscenity! — was where I knew it was time to draw the line.

So I've set myself to lose the flab, shake off the health risks it poses, resurrect a fitness-oriented lifestyle and a trim, fit body.

The goals are several:

First, weight loss. Every last bit of weight that doesn't belong on my body goes.

I'm 5 feet 9 inches, weigh 178 pounds, am in good overall health.

But Dr. O'Hara determined I'm at least 13 pounds over the ideal weight for my size and age.

So our official target weight for this get-fit effort is 164.5 pounds. That, he said, will put me in the "excellent" category for a male my age.

A second goal is overall conditioning: Exercising for improved strength, flexibility, agility, and — crucially — a healthy heart and cardiovascular system.

A third goal is to ready myself for keeping up with combat troops in the war zone, as I did with no problem during two previous assignments as a Stripes reporter covering U.S. troops downrange.

This time, too, I intend to hit the ground ready to keep up with those troops, whatever the rigors.

I don't expect to have the same body I had as an 18-year-old Airborne trooper in Vietnam, but I had a good one for a very long time, and lost it by letting go of regular exercise. Now it's time to correct course. If you're in your 50s, that's all the more reason.

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The doc is in

Dr. Reginald B. O'Hara is an associate research physiologist with the U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, assigned to the 711th Human Performance Wing's Human Performance Optimization division.

He holds a Ph.D. in exercise physiology and is a member of the American College of Sports Medicine.

Areas of expertise: Physiological and biochemical effects of increased muscular activity; molecular mechanisms of acute and chronic exercise; human performance optimization design; clinical exercise evaluation and training.

He is on assignment to Osan Air Base in South Korea as an exercise physiologist, where he supervises the base fitness program, working with active-duty military personnel to increase physical fitness performance and rehabilitate fitness-related injuries.

Making it Fit

Dr. O'Hara's fitness plan geared to combat needs

U.S. Air Force exercise physiologist Dr. Reginald B. O'Hara has drawn up a six-day-a-week fitness plan in two versions. One can be done at home and outdoors and requires none of the exercise machines typically found in a gym; the other is for use in a gym like the fitness center at Osan Air Base in South Korea.

I'll be following the plan for home and outdoors, but I might occasionally switch to the one for gym use.

The exercise routine

For the upper body, it includes push-ups, chin-ups, some free weights, and exercises with resistance bands. For abdominal strength, there are crunches and plank exercises.

For aerobic fitness, there'll be walking and running, as well as exercises to strengthen certain muscle groups in the legs.

O'Hara emphasizes the importance of gearing fitness training to the real-world needs of the combat zone. So he's designed the entire program to include exercises that will get me ready for the sudden twists, turns and sprints that are sometimes necessary downrange, particularly when a unit comes under fire.

Accordingly, agility training includes side-shuffles — a rapid shuttling to the right or left and back again; walking and running in zigzag patterns; and walking and running backward. For improved balance, there'll be work with a balance board.

— Franklin Fisher

Follow Stars and Stripes reporter Franklin Fisher's progress at:
blogs.stripes.com/blogs/making-it-fit

Tale of the tape

Day 1: Franklin Fisher's starting stats

Height: 5 feet 9 inches
Weight: 178 pounds
Age: 57

Test results (Based on age and gender according to Air Force and American College of Sports Medicine standards).

Blood pressure: Normal
Body fat: Fair
Body mass index (weight relative to height): Overweight
Muscular fitness (Based on tests involving Marine pull-ups, body weight dips, seated machine press): Poor
Aerobic fitness (based on age, gender, time and heart rate response): Poor
Functional fitness (agility, based on an agility T-test): Poor
Target weight: 164.5 pounds
Amount of weight to lose: 13.5 pounds

From the hardwood to the battlefield

After his professional basketball career, Tim James had one more dream to fulfill

BY TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Tim James apologized for being late. A rough day at work, said the Miami Heat's 1999 first-round draft pick. Vehicles broke down, problems flared up, and he simply fell behind.

"It happens," James said. "Even here."

Even on the front line of the Iraq war.

A former NBA player who often wondered about his true calling, Tim James is now a U.S. Army soldier, a transformation that even many of the people closest to him never saw coming.

"I got my degree, lived the life I was able, have my freedom and became a professional athlete," James said last month from Iraq. "I'm the example of the American dream."

James is at Camp Speicher, the massive base near Tikrit, 85 miles north of Baghdad, not far from Saddam Hussein's hometown and where insurgents still are a perpetual threat. For Miami Northwestern High, the Miami Hurricanes, three NBA teams and some foreign clubs, he was forward Tim James. For the Army, he's Spc. Tim James of Task Force ODIN — short for Observe, Detect, Identify, Neutralize.

In layman's terms, he's part of the unit tasked with watching and catching the bad guys before they plant bombs.

So long, charter jets, enormous paychecks and Ritz-Carlton hotel stays.

Hello, 130-degree afternoons, 12-hour work days, $2,600 a month and 50-caliber machine guns.

"In life, we all have different desires and needs," said Leonard Hamilton, James' college coach and now the coach at Florida State. "With the passion he has, he had to go fulfill this. I'm in total support of Tim and what he's doing. He's at peace. All we can do is hope he comes back safely."

James, 32, spent years thinking about the prospects of a military career. Drafted 25th overall by the Heat, James' NBA career barely registered a basketball blip: He appeared in 43 games for Miami, Charlotte and Philadelphia, never starting and never scoring more than seven points in a game.

So he went to play overseas, making a fine living in Japan, Turkey and Israel. By 2007, his playing days were done. After months of deliberating, he made the difficult decision that would take him away from his family and 5-year-old son, whom James still tries to talk with by phone every night. Even so, Tim James Jr. doesn't understand where his dad is.

"I think of myself as a patriot," James said. "I wanted to give back to a country that gave so much to me."

James is believed to be the first former NBA player to enlist and then serve in Iraq. Arizona Cardinals safety Pat Tillman quit football to become an Army Ranger and was killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan in 2004.

James joined the Army on Sept. 12, 2008. The training was brutal, even for a 6-foot-8 basketball player whose athleticism had drawn raves since junior high school. James slept outside in frigid night air, scaled seven-story towers, endured 10-mile marches ("with full battle rattle, as they say," he said), and learned how to take apart and reassemble his weapon.

He never questioned if he was making the right decision.

"I have no doubts," James said. "I have no regrets. Not one bit."

His 12-month deployment to Iraq started in late July. On his second night there, James was awoken from a sound sleep, completely startled.

Machine gun fire. The sound of war.

Understandably, it took a while for him to fall back asleep.

"It's a pretty impressive thing that he's doing, making the transition from where he was then to where he is now," said James' captain, Curtis Byron. "Such a small percentage of U.S. citizens are in the military or are veterans, doing their part to protect the nation's freedom. Putting that life behind you, setting aside any thoughts you had before about the military, that's impressive."

Byron said James didn't tell most members of his unit that he used to be an NBA player. James not only didn't want the attention, but he didn't want to be treated differently than anyone else.

"He's very humble," Byron said. "To him, it's not a big deal at all."

Oh, but it's a very big deal to the Heat.

They preach family inside the Heat complex, and even though James played only four games, he's forever part of the Heat family. Rob Wilson, the team's director of sports media relations, helped arrange for two boxes of T-shirts and posters to be sent to Iraq as a morale booster. They should get there this week, unless sandstorms delay the arrival of mail — a common occurrence.

Included in that package is an 8-minute, 31-second DVD, with greetings to James from several members of the organization. Another DVD from the Heat is already in the works, and the team plans to honor James at a home game this season.

"I just want to wish you good luck, man," Heat captain Udonis Haslem, who wears No. 40 to honor two of his idols who had that number — his father and James — said on the DVD. "God bless you, and keep doing what you're doing."

"Stay focused," said Heat center Jamaal Magloire, one of James' former teammates. "Never let your guard down and get back to us safe."

"You're not like any other basketball player out there," Heat assistant coach Keith Askins said.

Since 2006, Miami has given a center-court tribute to soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan at every home game, a program Heat President Pat Riley developed and called the HomeStrong initiative.

He said he cannot wait for James to get his due.

"The work we do, while being important to us, is made possible by the efforts of our soldiers in the Middle East," said Riley, who coached James in his lone season with the team.

James can't discuss specifics of his mission, although Byron said the unit should not face "the direct threat" of enemy action.

The stakes are higher than any basketball game, for certain, but James says he can still draw the parallel between fighting on the court and fighting for his country.

"I've been in the heat of the moment on the court in the fourth quarter, tie game, and yes, you would think that's a battle," James said. "There's nothing I hate more than losing. To be here, risking your life, it's definitely another level. It's like a scouting report for a game. All you can do is try to execute your mission. A loss here, that could be a lost life."

AP

BRIAN WILSON, U.S. ARMY/AP

Tim James, the Miami Heat's 1999 first-round pick, joined the Army on Sept. 12, 2008, after a successful basketball career with three NBA teams and abroad.

Left: As a University of Miami forward, James slam dunks during a game against Rutgers University in 1999.

> *"I think of myself as a patriot. I wanted to give back to a country that gave so much to me."*
>
> **Spc. Tim James**
> U.S. Army, Task Force ODIN

Crash: Base residents in 'shock' after sailor's death

CRASH, FROM PAGE 1

The Navy released few details Monday about the assault and the circumstances of the 12-year-old boy's death.

The sailor's wife was seriously injured and upgraded from stable to guarded condition at a hospital Monday, base spokesman Charles Howard said.

The sailor's 17-year-old daughter was treated for minor injuries and released, the base said in a release.

"I think you can say the people at the base are in collective shock," Howard said.

The incident was first reported by an emergency phone call at about 3 p.m. Sunday and the base learned from Japanese police about 90 minutes later that the sailor had died in a motorcycle crash, he said.

Bench's Harley-Davidson collided with oncoming traffic at about 2:53 p.m. in the Kuwakoba-cho district area of the Nishi Kyushu Expressway, according to a spokesman for the Nagasaki Prefecture police's Expressway Traffic Police Unit. It was not immediately clear whether the collision was intentional.

"The motorcycle, which was traveling southbound from Sasebo toward Takeo, swerved into an opposite lane, colliding against a bus and then a compact car behind it," spokesman Shuichi Nagano said.

Bench was taken to Sasebo General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 4:09 p.m. Sunday, Nagano said.

Neither the 31-year-old bus driver and his six passengers nor the 34-year-old driver of the compact car and his passenger reported injuries, he said.

While the cause of the crash remained under investigation Monday, police suspect speed is one of the contributors, Nagano said.

On Monday, the base community was dealing with fallout from the incident.

Howard said the USS Denver is to pass by the Navy base this week while en route to another port and an effort will be made to get crisis management and religious ministry people out to the ship. Authorities did not explain why Bench had not been aboard his ship.

The base Fleet and Family Support Center sent counselors to the schools and was providing counseling support to the emergency responders who handled the Sunday incident, said Mary Vance, a clinical advocacy counselor at the center.

"When a trauma happens, there are a lot of feelings and people have different ways of dealing with it," Vance said. "We are just trying to be there for people."

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Bataan survivors tell of inaccuracy

By Charles D. Brunt
Albuquerque (N.M.) Journal

Four New Mexico veterans who survived the Bataan Death March and imprisonment at the infamous Camp O'Donnell POW camp say the caption on a historic photograph of prisoners carrying bodies of men who purportedly died during the Death March is inaccurate.

The photo, distributed worldwide by The Associated Press for decades, is actually a shot of prisoners carrying the bodies of comrades who died at Camp O'Donnell to a mass grave days or weeks after the Death March ended, the men say.

"I debated long and hard about getting involved in this," said John Love, 88, of Albuquerque, N.M., a Death March survivor who says he wants the historical record corrected before he passes on. "But history needs to be accurate."

Love and another local survivor, Pete A. Gonzalez, said their Japanese captors would not allow prisoners to carry the dead or those who could no longer walk.

"If they couldn't walk, they'd bayonet you or shoot you and dump you by the side of the road," said Gonzalez, who served with the Army Air Corps' 19th Bomb Group at Clark Field.

The Associated Press is considering revising the caption.

"First of all, we greatly appreciate the veterans' concern," said Jack Stokes, manager of media relations for the AP.

"The Associated Press' archives clearly show that the photo caption is based on war-era information reviewed by the U.S. military at that time," Stokes said in a statement Thursday.

"The AP's caption echoes the veterans' recollection that the location shown in the photo is Camp O'Donnell, the internment camp located at the end of the Bataan Death March.

"We will look further into the matter," Stokes said.

The caption from the AP reads in part: "Nearing the end of the Bataan Death March, a thinning line of American and Filipino prisoners of war carry casualties in improvised stretchers as they approach Camp O'Donnell, a new Japanese POW camp, in April 1942 during World War II."

Survivors agree

In 1942, Japanese captors marched about 78,000 prisoners of war — 12,000 Americans and 66,000 Filipinos — for six days on the Bataan Peninsula on the Philippine island of Luzon to a prisoner-of-war camp known as Camp O'Donnell. Many were denied food, water or medical care, and some were stabbed or bayoneted along the route. An estimated 10,000 died.

Among the American defenders of Bataan were some 1,800 soldiers from New Mexico, many with the New Mexico National Guard's 200th and 515th Coast Artillery Regiments. More than 800 of those captured Guardsmen didn't live to see the war end, according to the Bataan Corregidor Memorial Foundation of New Mexico.

AP

The grim photo above, long identified by The Associated Press as prisoners carrying fallen comrades during the Bataan Death March of World War II, has come under scrutiny after four Death March survivors said the AP's caption information is inaccurate. The New Mexico veterans say the photo depicts a burial detail at Camp O'Donnell, the prisoner of war camp at the end of the Death March.

Along with Love, three other Death March survivors from Albuquerque — Thomas W. Barka, 89; Evangelisto R. "Evans" Garcia, 96; and Gonzalez, 88 — agree that the photo caption is wrong.

"It wasn't the Death March," said Barka, who served with Battery F of the New Mexico National Guard's 200th Coast Artillery Regiment. "They're carrying the dead to the burial ground. They used to march right alongside our camp."

Barka said he's not sure whether the photo shows Americans carrying their dead from Camp O'Donnell, or Filipinos carrying their dead from a prison camp across the road.

Regardless, he said, the photo is not of the Death March.

Garcia, whom the Japanese put on the burial detail for about a month, agrees the photo had to be taken after the Death March ended at Camp O'Donnell.

"But that photograph, that's a burial detail," Garcia said.

"I decided after about a month of that, that if I didn't get off that detail, I would be one of those guys, so I volunteered for another detail," he said.

Burial detail

Love knows more about the burial details than he cares to, having carried what he estimates to have been 1,500 fallen comrades to their graves.

"I was one of the first 300 or 400 off the march to enter Camp O'Donnell, and they (prisoners) began dying that same day," he said. "And the dying got ahead of us."

As the bodies stacked up, the Japanese assigned those who were well enough to walk to work on burial details — either digging mass graves or transporting the dead.

To those imprisoned at Camp O'Donnell, he said, the photo itself disproves the caption.

"See these rags around their mouths?" Love said, pointing to the photo. "Those were to keep the blowflies from getting into our mouths and spreading dysentery. Many (prisoners) died from open wounds, which were infested with blowflies. I can't begin to describe the thousands of swarms of blowflies on the bodies."

Prisoners photographed on the Death March, Love noted, are not wearing masks, nor are they carrying bodies.

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Taliban disfigure Afghan voter

By Rahim Faiez
The Associated Press

KABUL — An Afghan man said Monday that Taliban militants cut off his nose and both ears as he tried to vote in the Aug. 20 presidential election.

"I was on my way to a polling station when Taliban stopped me and searched me. They found my voter registration card," Lal Mohammad said from his hospital bed in Kabul. He said they cut off his nose and ears before beating him unconscious with a weapon.

"I regret that I went to vote," Mohammad said, crying and trying to hide his disfigured face. "What is the benefit of voting to me?"

The attack was the third confirmed report of the Taliban mutilating people who sought to cast ballots in the electoral contest. Militants had warned Afghans not to vote and to stay away from the polls on election day.

The attack on Mohammad occurred in a rural community in Daykundi, a mountainous region of central Afghanistan, he said. Because of limited medical facilities there, the father of eight was treated in Kabul.

The Taliban cut off the index fingers of two Afghans after they cast ballots, said Nader Nadery, head of the Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan.

Voters were asked to dip their index fingers in purple ink to prevent multiple voting. Before the election, rumors spread the Taliban would cut off inked fingers.

A Taliban spokesman had said militants would not carry out such attacks, but the movement is a loose coalition of forces.

At least 26 Afghan civilians and security forces died in dozens of militant attacks on election day, discouraging many from voting.

2 more servicemembers killed in recent bombings

KABUL — Two bombings in Afghanistan's most violent region killed two U.S. servicemembers Monday, the last day of the deadliest month of the war for U.S. forces.

The attacks brought the number of American troops killed in Afghanistan in August to 47, the highest monthly death toll for the U.S. since the conflict began in 2001.

NATO officials confirmed the deaths but did not release any other information pending family notification.

From The Associated Press

Watching her step

Rahmat Gul/AP

An Afghan girl holds her sandals as she walks down a flooded street on the outskirts of Jalalabad, Afghanistan, on Monday. Four people were killed, seven were wounded and one missing after heavy rains caused a flood in Jalalabad, a police official said.

Strategy: Request for more troops may come later

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In total there are more than 100,000 U.S. and NATO troops in the country. There were roughly 250,000 international forces in Iraq at the height of that war.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Bryan Whitman said McChrystal's assessment would not include specific recommendations for additional troops or funding. "They'll be addressed in the future," Whitman said.

McChrystal's recommendations were being sent up through U.S. Central Command commanders, including Gen. David Petraeus, who would add comments.

McChrystal's report recommends focusing the U.S. and NATO counterinsurgency efforts on the Afghan population and less on militants, one of the NATO officials in Afghanistan said.

Last week McChrystal said troops "must change the way that we think, act and operate" in newly released counterinsurgency guidance. McChrystal hopes to instill a new approach in troops to make the safety of villagers the top priority.

McChrystal said the supply of fighters in the Afghan insurgency is "essentially endless," the reason violence continues to rise. He called on troops to think of how they would expect a foreign army to operate in their home countries, "among your families and your children, and act accordingly," to try to win over the Afghan population.

Iraq says it owns 19 fighter jets in storage

Stars and Stripes

The Iraqi Defense Ministry said this week that it recently learned that Iraq owns 19 fighter jets, which have been in storage in Serbia since 1989, The New York Times reported.

"Everyone knows how much we need fighter aircraft," a statement issued by the ministry said. "We have reached a tentative agreement with the Serbian side to rehabilitate the aircraft and deliver them to Iraq in the shortest possible time, in recognition of Iraq's need for such aircraft."

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Defense Ministry spokesman Mohammed al-Askari told the Times the MIG-21 and MIG-23 jet fighters had been sent to Serbia for maintenance and never returned.

He noted that the discovery was important because Iraq's air force at the moment includes primarily helicopters and transport and reconnaissance planes. There are no fighter jets.

The defense ministry said Serbia would make two aircraft available for "immediate use" and the rest would be restored on a rush basis.

The U.S. military recently arranged for Iraq to get a T-6 trainer, which is used to train F-16 pilots.

Lt. Col. Gary Kolb, a spokesman for the Multi-National Transition and Security Command-Iraq, the American military's training wing, told the paper the addition of the MIG aircraft would not alter the U.S. plans.

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IN THE WORLD

Koreas to restore regular cross-border traffic

By Jae-Soon Chang
The Associated Press

SEOUL — Regular traffic across the heavily fortified border dividing North and South Korea will be restored this week, officials in Seoul said Monday amid further signs of improved relations between the two nations.

The North's state radio station, meanwhile, quoted leader Kim Jong Il as saying that the U.S. should abandon its "hostile policy" toward the North and sign a peace treaty with the communist nation to reduce tension on the peninsula. His comments echoed statements he has made in the past. Pyongyang Radio didn't say when Kim made the remarks.

The U.S. fought with South Korea in the 1950-53 Korean War that ended in an armistice, leaving the North and South still technically at war. About 28,500 American troops are stationed in South Korea as a deterrent against the North.

The resumption of regular border traffic between North and South Korea, set for Tuesday, is the latest indication of efforts by Pyongyang to reach out to Seoul and Washington, after months of provocations that included nuclear and missile tests.

The North had severely restricted traffic across the border since December. The clampdown affected the flow of goods and personnel to and from a joint factory park in the northern city of Kaesong.

The border will open 23 times a day to traffic to and from Kaesong, up from the current six times, Seoul's Unification Ministry spokesman Chun Hae-sung told reporters Monday. The number of people and vehicles allowed to cross the border at one time will no longer be restricted, he said.

Kaesong is home to some 110 South Korean-run factories that employ about 40,000 North Korean workers. The project is the most prominent symbol of the inter-Korean cooperation that prospered under two liberal South Korean presidents following the Koreas' first-ever summit in 2000.

The reconciliation process and most joint projects came to a halt after conservative President Lee Myung-bak took office early last year. North Korea protested Lee's tough policies, such as linking aid to the impoverished neighbor to nuclear disarmament.

But in August, Pyongyang freed two American journalists and a South Korean worker held for more than four months of detention, agreed to resume joint projects and set a date for the reunion of families separated during the Korean War.

Pyongyang also sent an official delegation to Seoul to mourn the death of former South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, who met with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il during the 2000 Korean summit.

The two sides agreed Friday to hold a new round of family reunions in late September. On Saturday, North Korea released four South Korean fishermen seized in late July after their boat strayed into northern waters.

Scotland: No deal in Lockerbie release

By Jennifer Quinn
The Associated Press

LONDON — The decision to release the only person convicted in the Lockerbie bombing was based on justice rather than commercial decisions, a senior Scottish politician said Monday.

The comments came after a British newspaper reported government officials allowed Abdel Baset al-Megrahi to be included in a prisoner transfer agreement because it was in the U.K.'s "overwhelming interests" as a major oil deal was being negotiated.

Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's deputy first minister, told the BBC she didn't know what agreements the British government had made and said the decision of Scottish justice secretary Kenny MacAskill to release al-Megrahi on compassionate grounds was based on legal principles.

"What I do know, and what I can state categorically … is that these deals — if such deals existed — played no part whatsoever in the decision that Kenny MacAskill took to release al-Megrahi on compassionate grounds," Sturgeon said.

Still no explanation for Air France crash

PARIS — Investigators looking for the Air France plane that disappeared into the Atlantic Ocean in June still cannot explain the crash and need more money and resources to search for the aircraft's data recorders, Paul-Louis Arslanian, head of France's Bureau of Investigation and Analysis, said Monday.

He said a third, more meticulous search for plane debris and the flight recorders, should begin before the end of the year, but could cost tens of millions of euros.

The search has so far failed to locate the plane's data recorders, without which the full causes of the crash may never be fully known — but investigators don't want to give up.

Arslanian said planemaker Airbus has offered to help fund the efforts, but more commitments are needed.

From The Associated Press

DITA ALANGKARA/AP

Environmental activists in Jakarta, Indonesia, use effigies of world leaders to attract attention during a demonstration on Saturday. A U.N. climate change summit on cutting carbon emissions begins in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 100 days.

Summit stresses sharing weather

BY ELIANE ENGELER
The Associated Press

GENEVA — The United Nations opened talks Monday on setting up a better weather surveillance system worldwide so all nations can get earlier, more accurate warnings about hurricanes, droughts and floods.

About 1,500 officials, diplomats and scientists were attending the weeklong meeting in Geneva, which aimed to help the world better adapt to climate change.

The World Climate Conference seeks to help developing countries generate better data on their own climate issues and share that information with other countries.

A large U.S. delegation is attending, eager to highlight the Obama administration's commitment to combatting climate change.

"Around the world, the costs for adapting to climate change will run to several tens of billions of U.S. dollars every year, with more than half of the expenditure being required in developing countries," host Swiss President Hans-Rudolf Merz said.

Merz, whose country donated $1.7 million to the conference, said better weather forecasts and hazard maps "could also prevent deaths and reduce the extent of the damage."

"We all want our societies to be able to withstand the consequences of climate change," he said.

"Scientists and experts will have to provide the information that makes this possible."

The meeting is expected to agree on a "Global Framework for Climate Services" to ensure that early warnings for tsunamis and hurricanes reach everyone, and that farmers even in remote African regions know about upcoming droughts and floods.

"Until now, the way that we deliver climate information to some sectors has been ad hoc," Michel Jarraud, head of the U.N.'s World Meteorological Organization, said Monday.

"What we need is a formal system that all people can trust to access vital information that can save their lives and protect property and economies."

This week's conference brings together about 15 heads of state, including those from Cameroon, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Slovenia, Tajikistan and Togo, as well as 80 ministers. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is to speak Wednesday.

A global meeting on reducing greenhouse gases, which are blamed for global warming and climate change, also is scheduled for Dec. 7-18 in Cophenagen.

Fight over, Myanmar refugees head home

The Associated Press

NANSAN, China — Thousands of Myanmar refugees headed home from China on Monday as fighting between government troops and a rebel militia that left more than 30 people dead appeared to be over.

More than 30,000 civilian refugees streamed into China to escape the fighting, which broke out last week after hundreds of Myanmar soldiers moved into Kokang, an ethnically Chinese region in northeastern Myanmar. Hundreds of Kokang rebels later fled the clashes, surrendering their weapons and uniforms to Chinese border police.

At least 4,000 refugees returned Monday, Yunnan provincial government spokesman Li Hui said. About 9,000 remained in seven camps set up to house them in tents and makeshift buildings. The rest are believed to be staying with friends and family or in hotels.

Li said authorities were closing parts of the vacated camps but would not force people to leave.

Many refugees were going back to ruined homes and businesses, and it wasn't clear if any Chinese investors planned to return.

Myanmar's junta said three days of fighting killed 26 government soldiers and at least eight rebels. It said the clashes had ended and "the region has now regained stability."

Myanmar is trying to consolidate control over several armed ethnic groups along its borders to ensure smooth conditions for next year's national elections, the first in nearly 20 years. Several groups are resisting pressure to join the military to become border guards ahead of the vote.

The clashes and the flow of refugees have strained Beijing's close relations with Myanmar's ruling generals, prompting a rare demand last week from China's Foreign Ministry for Myanmar to end the fighting.

Sri Lankan reporter gets 20 years in prison

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — A Sri Lankan reporter singled out by President Barack Obama as an example of persecuted journalists around the globe was sentenced Monday to 20 years in prison on charges of violating the country's harsh anti-terror law.

J.S. Tissainayagam's articles in the now-defunct Northeastern Monthly magazine in 2006 and 2007 criticized the conduct of the war against the Tamil Tiger rebels and accused authorities of withholding food and other essential items from Tamil-majority areas as a tool of war.

Tissainayagam's conviction, 17 months after the ethnic Tamil reporter was arrested, was the first time a journalist was found guilty of violating the country's Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Rights groups have accused the government of waging a broad crackdown on media freedom.

Dalai Lama encourages democracy in Taiwan

SHIAO LIN, Taiwan — The Dalai Lama said Taiwan should have "very close and unique links" with China but also enjoy democracy as he arrived at a devastated village Monday to pray for victims of Taiwan's worst storm in 50 years.

Beijing has voiced its opposition to the Dalai Lama's visit, saying it could harm relations between the mainland and Taiwan, which Beijing wants back after the two split six decades ago.

Despite continuing demand, Taiwan and China have dramatically improved relations after decades of enmity, with President Ma Ying-jeou making business ties and cultural exchanges.

Indonesia: Suspect infiltrated airline

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A suspect wanted in connection with hotel suicide bombings in the Indonesian capital infiltrated the national airline in a plot to carry out a "bigger attack," the police chief said Monday.

The suspect, identified only as Syahrir, was recruited by a militant network and had been working as a technician with the airline, Garuda Indonesia, said National Police Chief Gen. Bambang Hendarso Danuri.

Documents seized by police uncovered the plot to strike Indonesia's airline sector, he said, without providing details about when or how the attack was supposed to have taken place.

From The Associated Press

Walking the line

DIETHER ENDLICHER/AP

Swiss tightrope walker Freddy Nock balances on the 3,264-foot-long railway cable on top of the Zugspitz mountain, Germany's highest peak, near Garmisch-Partenkirchen. He went for a world record in rope walking on Sunday. He was watched by some 1,800 spectators and finished his climb at 9,655 feet above sea level.

IN THE STATES

Wildfire burns 21 homes in Calif.

By John Antczak
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A massive fire in the Angeles National Forest nearly doubled in size overnight, threatening 12,000 homes Monday in a 20-mile-long swath of flame and smoke and surging toward a mountaintop broadcasting complex and historic observatory.

The fire was the largest of at least eight burning California after days of triple-digit temperatures and low humidity.

The Los Angeles-area blaze had burned at least 21 homes and was moving north, south and east through the rugged foothills northeast of the city.

Despite a lack of wind, the fire surged by running through steep granite canyons and feeding on brush that had not burned for 40 years, officials said.

The fire had burned 164 square miles of brush and trees by Monday and was 5 percent contained.

At least 6,600 homes atop Mount Wilson were under mandatory evacuation orders and more than 2,500 firefighters were battling the flames, which remained contained in canyonlands.

More than 20 helicopters and air tankers were preparing to dump water and retardant over the flames. Two Canadian Super Scoopers, giant craft that can pull thousands of gallons of water from lakes and reservoirs, were expected to join the fight.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Monday issued emergency declarations for the counties of Placer, Monterey, Los Angeles and Mariposa.

Two firefighters died Sunday when their truck drove off the side of a road on Mount Gleason near the city of Acton.

Killed were Capt. Tedmund Hall, 47, and Specialist Arnaldo Quinones, 35.

Dan Steinberg/AP

A U.S. Forest Service air tanker drops fire retardant next to a line of fire as the Station fire burns in the hills above a home in Acton, Calif., on Sunday. The fire was one of eight still raging on Monday.

Utah evacuates hundreds in fire's path

NEW HARMONY, Utah — About 275 more homes were evacuated Sunday as a wildfire that already destroyed three houses and blackened more than 12 square miles continued to threaten this rural southwestern Utah town.

The lightning-sparked Mill Flat fire had been burning in the Pine Valley Wilderness area for more than a month before it flared up over the weekend near New Harmony.

On Saturday, the fire burned three homes: One that was a primary residence, one that was a second home and a guest house, said Dean Cox, emergency services director for Washington County. About seven other "outbuildings" also burned and about 75 houses were evacuated, he said.

By Sunday afternoon, about 350 homes in the area had been evacuated, Cox said.

From The Associated Press

Psychology of kidnappings is not always 'Stockholm'

By Evelyn Nieves
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In the 18 years that Jaycee Lee Dugard allegedly spent captive in Phillip Garrido's backyard, shielded from the world by trees, tarps, tents and tool sheds, she no doubt had a chance or two to tell someone the truth.

Customers of Garrido's Antioch home-based printing business say the young woman whom they knew as Garrido's daughter "Allissa" designed business cards for the family business.

They never suspected that "Allissa" was a South Lake Tahoe girl kidnapped in 1991 at age 11.

Neighbors also had no idea that Garrido's two young daughters — now 11 and 15 — were Dugard's offspring, fathered by Garrido.

Why didn't Jaycee Dugard escape, reach out, scream for help?

The question, and its implicit criticism of the survivors, is unfair, say experts on kidnapping.

"We know there are many cases like this, and it's very detrimental to the survivors to have such a simplistic view that does not take into account the actual situation the person was in," said JoAnn Behrman-Lippert, a Reno, Nev.-based psychologist who has done extensive research on child abduction cases.

Authorities say that Garrido and his wife, Nancy, kidnapped and raped Dugard and kept her imprisoned in the backyard compound. They pleaded not guilty Friday to the charges.

Police continued searching for links to unsolved crimes, including several murders, at the Garrido home Monday.

Garrido's printing business customers described Dugard as a polite and efficient aide who straightened out orders on the phone and by e-mail.

One customer, Ben Daughdrill, said he saw her twice in the last six months when he drove to the Garrido home to pick up office supplies and drop off payment. She had an opportunity to escape or seek his help when she came out alone to Daughdrill's vehicle.

One explanation given to victims who stay with their captors is that they have Stockholm syndrome, where the victim comes to identify with and bond with their kidnappers.

The term was coined in 1973 to describe several bank employees held captive for six days in Sweden. At the end of their ordeal, the hostages resisted rescue, refused to testify against their captors and helped raise money for their legal defense.

But many kidnapping cases cannot be explained by Stockholm syndrome, said Dr. Frank Ochberg, who coined the term.

The situation is different in child abductions because of the victim's age, he said, adding that a "better" theory would be that of a relationship of slave to master.

He believes "somebody at a tender age ends up being raised in captivity by a person who gradually transforms this person into a slave," he said.

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EDUCATION

School stress test

Entering a new environment can trigger children's hidden troubles

BY IRENE MAHER
St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times

With the start of a new school year, parents should be alert for signs of emotional distress in young children.

Unlikely as it may sound, children ages 6 and younger may face a host of mental health issues, from disruptive behavior problems and attention deficit (hyperactivity) disorder to psychosis and major depression.

"It's not a discovery to us, but I know it is for the public and even for many pediatricians," said Dr. Peter Gorski, a University of South Florida pediatrician who specializes in developmental and behavioral medicine and research at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County.

Gorski said as many as 10 percent of American children will have an episode of clinically significant depression at one time or another. Starting or returning to school can be stressful and trigger emotions and anxiety in children that even the most attentive parents may miss.

"School can put [children] over the top. It has nothing to do with school, actually. That's just the place the child brings his emotional baggage," Gorski said.

Colette Parker of Tampa thought her youngest son, Xavier Williams, would handle kindergarten without much fuss, just as his older brothers did.

But two weeks into his first school year, she started getting calls from his teacher. Five-year-old Xavier was throwing things, blowing up emotionally, running out of the classroom, acting aggressively and fighting.

ILLUSTRATION BY BEV SCHILLING/Stars and Stripes

Parker, 33, said her son had a difficult time making the adjustment from the familiar friends and caregivers at day care to the more structured environment of kindergarten.

Different people, a different environment, a different routine and different expectations can all affect how a child feels and behaves in school.

"We see a lot of families who never had issues with their kids until school started," said John Mayo, a licensed child therapist and deputy executive director of Success 4 Kids & Families, a nonprofit organization that provides family-focused mental health services in Hillsborough County.

What may seem new and exciting to some kids presents an enormous emotional loss to others, he said. A change in caregivers, moving to a new home or community, divorce and a death in the family are among the most common triggers for emotional problems in young children.

Of course, events that anyone would identify as traumatic can also have a significant psychological impact on children.

There may also be a biochemical reason for emotional problems in children.

Beth Piecora of Tampa knew something was wrong with her daughter, Kaitlyn, not long after she was born. She would cry for hours and could not be comforted.

As she got older she had extreme temper tantrums, night terrors and was afraid of everyone except for a few immediate family members. She couldn't connect or interact with family friends, neighbors, aunts and uncles.

With family therapy, Kaitlyn improved but still had emotional problems. Piecora asked the doctor to order some medical tests. A blood test revealed that Kaitlyn had an underactive thyroid.

At 7 or 8 years old, Kaitlyn was put on the thyroid hormone replacement Synthroid. Within six months she was much more like a normal little girl.

Today, Kaitlyn is 16, successful academically and very involved in church and school activities.

Piecora, who now helps lead family mental health workshops for Success 4 Kids & Families, said it's critical for parents to realize there's a problem and reach out for help.

So how does a parent know the difference between a phase and a problem?

Mayo said it's a matter of degree. All children can seem blue at times, or might misbehave or refuse to do homework or chores. But when those behaviors become chronic, that's another issue.

"What's the intensity of the behavior? What's the frequency of the behavior? Any kid can have a bad day, but if it's on a regular basis, that's a tip-off," he said.

When to seek help

- ✔ Decline in school performance
- ✔ Poor grades despite strong efforts
- ✔ Constant worry or anxiety
- ✔ Repeated refusal to go to school or to take part in normal activities
- ✔ Hyperactivity or fidgeting
- ✔ Persistent nightmares
- ✔ Continuous or frequent aggression or "acting out"
- ✔ Continuous or frequent rebellion and/or temper tantrums
- ✔ Depression, sadness or irritability

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911 tape in Ga. slayings released

By Russ Bynum
The Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — A frantic caller told authorities he had just come home to find several relatives apparently beaten to death and another barely breathing, according to a 911 tape released Monday from the weekend attack at a mobile home park in southeastern Georgia.

"My whole family is dead!" screamed Guy Heinze Jr., 22. "It looks like they've been beaten to death. I don't know what to do, man."

When authorities arrived Saturday morning, they found seven people dead and two clinging to life. One of the survivors died Sunday, raising the death toll to eight.

Police have refused to say how they were killed or why and have said they don't know if the killer or killers are still in the area. Heinze was arrested on drug and other charges but police have not called him a suspect in the slaying.

On the 911 call, made from a neighbor's home, Heinze said his father, uncle and cousins were among the dead. He also pleads with a 911 operator to send help for one of two survivors whose face was "smashed in" but was still breathing. Heinze says the survivor is his cousin Michael and that he has Down syndrome.

"Michael's alive, tell them to hurry!" Heinze said. "He's breathing! He needs help!"

Police on Sunday said one man rescued at the scene, 19-year-old Michael Toler, had died at a Savannah hospital. The lone remaining survivor was in critical condition, police said.

Police have said the killer was not among the dead or the last survivor. They also said they have no evidence to suggest that suicide was involved.

Neighbor Margaret Orlinski, who called 911 after Heinze came screaming to her home, told a 911 operator that a baby also lived in the mobile home where the victims were found.

"I know there's a little baby," Orlinski says on the recording. "Shoot, there's a little babe. I don't know if the baby was in there or not."

Heinze doesn't mention a baby on the 911 recording. Police have declined to give ages of the victims, but Glynn County Police Chief Matt Doering has said there were "no infants" among them.

Terry Dickson, The Florida Times-Union/AP

Investigators work on the porch of the house at New Hope Mobile Home Park in Brunswick, Ga., where seven people were found slain on Saturday.

Police: N.M. boy, 10, faces murder charge in dad's death

The Associated Press

BELEN, N.M. — A 10-year-old New Mexico boy is facing a murder charge in the shooting death of his father.

Police alleged that the boy used his own rifle to shoot his father and then called authorities. Arriving at the family's home Thursday evening, police found 42-year-old Byron Hilburn with a head wound. He was pronounced dead at an Albuquerque hospital.

The youth reportedly told officers that he thought his father was disciplining him too harshly and too often, KOAT-TV reported.

Local media, in weekend reports, said a first-degree murder charge was pending against the boy. There was no comment Sunday from authorities.

Police said they suspect that the shooting was witnessed by the boy's 6-year-old sister, who has since been placed with relatives.

The boy is in the custody of the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department.

Romaine Serna, spokeswoman for CYFD, said the agency was called to check on the family more than seven times since 2003 after receiving anonymous reports of child abuse and neglect.

"We had concerns about this family. There were red flags," Serna said.

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Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.13
30-year bond	4.20

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

Disney to buy Marvel for $4 billion

By Ryan Nakashima
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Walt Disney Co. said Monday it is buying Marvel Entertainment Inc. for $4 billion in cash and stock, bringing such characters as Iron Man and Spider-Man into the family of Mickey Mouse and WALL-E.

Under the deal, Disney will acquire ownership of 5,000 Marvel characters. Many of them, including the Fantastic Four and the X-Men, were co-created by the comic book legend Stan Lee.

Analyst David Joyce of Miller Tabak & Co. said the acquisition will help Disney appeal to young men who have flocked to theaters to see Marvel's superhero fare in recent years. That contrasts with Disney's recent successes among young women with such fare as "Hannah Montana" and the Jonas Brothers.

"It helps Disney add exposure to a young male demographic it had sort of lost some balance with," Joyce said, noting the $4 billion offer was at "full price."

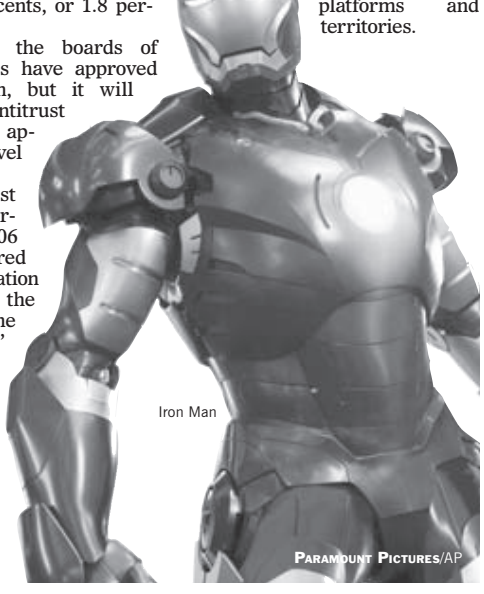
Disney said Marvel shareholders will receive $30 per share in cash, plus 0.745 Disney shares for every Marvel share they own. That values each Marvel share at $50 based on Friday's closing stock prices.

Marvel shares jumped $10.17, or 26 percent, to $48.82 shortly after the market opened. Disney shares fell 47 cents, or 1.8 percent, to $26.37.

Disney said the boards of both companies have approved the transaction, but it will require an antitrust review and the approval of Marvel shareholders.

Disney last made a big purchase in 2006 when it acquired Pixar Animation Studios Inc., the creator of the "Toy Story" franchise, for $7.4 billion in stock.

Disney CEO Robert Iger said the latest acquisition combines Marvel's "strong global brand and world-renowned library of characters" with Disney's "unparalleled global portfolio of entertainment properties" and ability to maximize value across multiple platforms and territories.



Iron Man

Paramount Pictures/AP

Group: Stop cops from enforcing immigration

A coalition of advocacy groups sent a letter to President Barack Obama last week demanding that the administration end a program that allows local police to enforce federal immigration law.

The program, known as 287(g), deputizes police to turn over suspects or criminals to immigration authorities for possible deportation.

Immigrant rights groups said the program led to civil-rights violations and racial profiling.

After delay, Discovery arrives at space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Discovery pulled up and docked at the international space station Sunday night, delivering a full load of gear and science experiments.

The linkup occurred as the spacecraft zoomed more than 200 miles above the Atlantic and ended a round-the-world chase of nearly two days.

A thruster failure made the rendezvous all the more challenging. One of Discovery's small thrusters began leaking shortly after Friday's midnight liftoff and was shut down.

Discovery and its crew of seven are dropping off thousands of pounds of equipment, including a treadmill named for Comedy Central's Stephen Colbert.

Schumer aims to avert crashes over Hudson

NEW YORK — Sen. Charles Schumer is proposing new measures he says would help prevent another crash over the Hudson River like the one that killed nine people last month.

A collision between a small plane and a sightseeing helicopter in an area of busy air traffic over the Hudson River on Aug. 8 killed nine people.

Schumer wants the Federal Aviation Administration to monitor all helicopter and airplane flights below 1,000 feet. He also says the FAA should develop safety standards for commercial sightseeing tours.

Ridge: Terror-alert process worked

WASHINGTON — Former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Monday people "are hyperventilating" about his assertion that politics played a role in talk of raising the terror alert before the 2004 elections.

"A consensus was reached. We didn't go up. The process worked," Ridge said in an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America."

The former Pennsylvania governor, however, did not take back the statement in his new book, "The Test of Our Times: America Under Siege," that he worried at the time that politics was a consideration in discussions among high-level officials about whether to raise the color-coded terror alert to a higher level.

He acknowledged there was a lively debate about it, but repeated that it was not done, and thus not an issue.

From wire services

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Tim McGraw won't put up with abuse at shows

Tim McGraw isn't looking for trouble at his concerts, but there are certain things he just won't ignore.

"It's all about enjoying yourself and not messing with other people's fun," the country singer said in a recent interview. "And certainly I don't think you should be abusive to women. I think that's No. 1 right there."

McGraw, 42, has thrown out disruptive fans from at least two of his concerts in the past year and a half, and videophone clips of the incidents went viral on the Internet, the most recent happening in June.

AP file

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In an earlier incident, McGraw stops in the middle of singing "Indian Outlaw," calls for security and pulls a guy on stage by his shirt so that guards can haul him away.

"Look, I'm the one with the microphone, so if there's something that needs to be done, and I'm the one who can see it because of where I'm at, then I'm probably the only person who can ask somebody to do something about it, because other people may not be able to see it, security especially," said McGraw.

His protectiveness may come from being a father of three girls, or maybe just from the way he was raised.

In addition to his music career, McGraw is launching a new cologne, "Southern Blend."

McGraw made sure his wife, Faith Hill, and three daughters liked the cologne: "It's gotta be approved by the women in my life before anything can work out for me. So they definitely have the final word."

In addition to the cologne, McGraw is co-starring with Sandra Bullock in the upcoming film, "The Blind Side," this fall, and he is coming out with a new album, "Southern Voice," out in October.

He credits his wife for helping him balance all his projects: "She kept me on task."

On the Net: www.timmcgraw.com

Linney set for offbeat comedy pilot about woman with cancer

Linney

Laura Linney is taking on an offbeat role in a Showtime comedy pilot — a woman who is diagnosed with cancer.

Showtime said Thursday that Linney will star in and executive produce the half-hour show, "The C Word," with the pilot episode to be shot this fall.

The cable channel says the series will delve into the life of a suburban wife and mother as she confronts her illness and finds the light side in a dark situation.

In a statement, the Emmy Award-winning Linney said she's excited to tackle such "potentially rich, funny and complicated material."

Blunt, Krasinski engaged

"The Office" star John Krasinski and "The Devil Wears Prada" star Emily Blunt are engaged.

His publicist, Liz Mahoney, confirmed Friday that the two are set to wed. She did not elaborate.

Krasinski, 29, plays hapless Jim Halpert on NBC's "The Office." His film credits include "Away We Go," "Leatherheads" and "License to Wed."

Blunt, 26, has appeared in "Charlie Wilson's War," "Sunshine Cleaning" and "The Great Buck Howard."

— The Associated Press

NEW LINE CINEMA/Movie Web

Bobby Campo stars in "The Final Destination," which raked in the most money in stateside theaters over the weekend.

Horror tops box office

Movie fans have made fear their top destination at the weekend box office.

The horror tale "The Final Destination" debuted as the No. 1 movie with $28.3 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. The Warner Bros. sequel is the latest installment in the franchise about people stalked by death after a premonition saves them from their destined demise.

"Final Destination" took over the top spot from Quentin Tarantino and Brad Pitt's World War II saga "Inglourious Basterds," which slipped to second place with $20 million.

The Weinstein Co. release raised its total to $73.8 million after 10 days in theaters.

Weinstein also had the No. 3 slot with the horror flick "Halloween II," which opened with $17.4 million.

The movie is Rob Zombie's sequel to his update of the slasher franchise about crazed killer Michael Myers.

The weekend's other new wide release, Focus Features' music romp "Taking Woodstock," opened a weak No. 9 with $3.7 million. Directed by Ang Lee ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," "Brokeback Mountain"), "Taking Woodstock" is a nostalgic look behind the scenes at the mammoth 1969 rock concert.

— The Associated Press

'Inglourious Basterds' director picks his fave WWII movies

With his own World War II flick, "Inglourious Basterds," Quentin Tarantino applies his exhaustive knowledge of cinema to single out five favorite World War II flicks.

Not necessarily a Top Five, this off-the-cuff list includes a couple of the well-known and loved war stories along with more obscure dramas, among them two that Tarantino himself did not know about until he started research for "Inglourious Basterds":

"The Great Escape" Is there any cooler World War II premise than John Sturges' 1963 epic about a mass escape of Allied POWs from a Nazi prison camp, or a cooler cast than Steve McQueen, James Garner, Richard Attenborough, James Coburn, Charles Bronson and Donald Pleasence? "Probably my favorite war movie," Tarantino said. "That's one of the most entertaining movies ever made and was kind of the touchstone goal for ("Inglourious Basterds") to one degree or another. ... Make a World War II movie that's just entertaining, that you just enjoy watching the movie."

"The Dirty Dozen" Robert Aldrich's 1967 saga is the ultimate example of the men-on-a-mission war subgenre that inspired Tarantino's "Inglourious Basterds." it's a tale of imprisoned bottom-feeders who get a second chance as part of a hell-raising Allied commando unit. Tarantino said this film deserves to be on his list "for its iconic cast alone." Tarantino went on: "I never follow the normal dance card that the genre or the subgenres I deal in usually play by. It usually is a situation where I sit down, OK, I'm going to do my 'Dirty Dozen,' and that's what sits me down, but then I also know that hopefully, I will deliver the pleasure that is found in those genres, but I'm just going to deliver them very differently. It's going to become something else. I want it to become something bigger and more expansive than that given subgenre."

AP

Quentin Tarantino latest flick is a World War II fantasy.

"Five Graves to Cairo" Ten years before he made "Stalag 17," Billy Wilder directed this 1943 tale centered on an undercover British officer (Franchot Tone) and a woman (Anne Baxter) who helps run a desert hotel where Field Marshal Erwin Rommel (Erich von Stroheim) establishes his headquarters. "One of my favorite war stories, hands-down," Tarantino said. "Billy Wilder and (co-writer) Charles Brackett wrote their own story for it. It doesn't follow history. They came up with their own way. It's not even a very credible version of Rommel, either, but it's a fantastic version of Rommel."

"Tonight We Raid Calais" John Brahm's 1943 adventure casts John Sutton as a British intelligence officer plotting to destroy a Nazi munitions plant in France, where he takes shelter with the family of a French farmer (Lee J. Cobb), whose daughter blames the British for the fall of France. "It has a couple of sequences that really seem like modern storytelling," Tarantino said. "It doesn't have a classical storytelling feel. ... It feels like storytelling today."

"Action in Arabia" Russian director Leonide Moguy made a few films in Hollywood during the war, including this 1944 thriller starring George Sanders as a reporter in the Middle East who's caught up in the Allied-Nazi struggle for the sympathies of the Arab world.

"Another movie I discovered and fell in love with," Tarantino said.

"I really love that movie, but you will notice, though, when I talk about these different films, it's not the collection of tanks and big-battle things.

"Even though I like that stuff, I'm more into the more story-oriented versions of the war."

— David Germain/The Associated Press

Missing Texas boaters found alive in Gulf

The Associated Press

BLESSING, Texas — Three Texas fishermen who spent eight days stranded in the Gulf of Mexico atop their capsized boat endured hunger, blistering heat, scares from sharks and hallucinations, but they never gave up hope they'd be rescued.

"It was on a day-to-day basis that everybody had their breakdown," Tressel Hawkins told NBC's "Today Show" on Monday. "The power of prayer had us feeling safe as far as knowing that we were going to make it out of it, but didn't know how long that we were going to have to endure this."

Hawkins

The men were reunited with their families early Sunday after they were found sitting on their 23-foot catamaran 180 miles from land. They were identified as Hawkins, 43, of Markham; James Phillips, 30, of Blessing; and Curtis Hall, 28, of Palacios.

Phillips

"I knew we were coming home; I never had a doubt," Phillips, the boat owner, told the Houston Chronicle.

The crew of a sport fishing boat spotted the men waving their white T-shirts near Port Aransas and rescued them Saturday. The three were reported missing Aug. 22 after they left Matagorda, about 90 miles southwest of Houston, on a fishing trip and never returned. Port Aransas is about 130 miles from Matagorda.

Hall

The three were asleep that Friday night and were awakened by water coming in the boat, Hawkins said.

"Once we were awake and saw what happened, it flipped over in one minute," Phillips told the Chronicle.

"Then us country boys went into survival mode. That's all we could do."

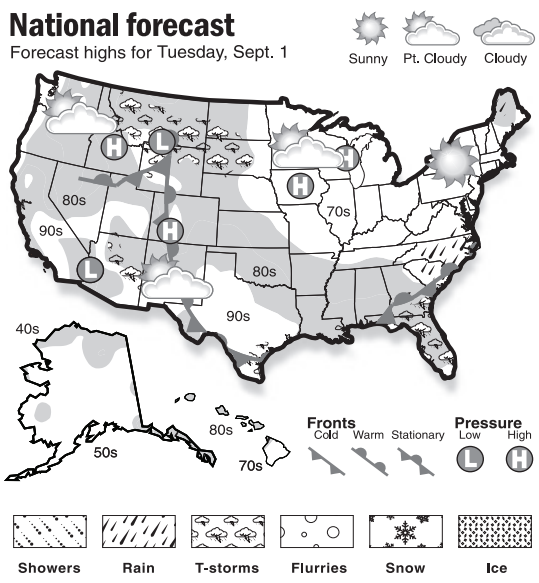
The men rationed their salvaged bubble gum, crackers, beer and chips, and used a hose to suck fresh water out of the internal "washdown" tank. Fishermen often keep such a tank to wash fish slime off their boat when they are out in the salt water.

They were finally spotted by Eddie Yaklin, a Corpus Christi car dealer who was fishing on his 75-foot yacht.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Sept. 1



Stormy Weather In West And Southeast

A wave of low pressure will move through the West, triggering areas of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the Central and Northern High Plains. Meanwhile, a frontal boundary in the Southeast will produce similar weather activity.

Weather Underground • AP

Monday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	La Paz	62	24	Clr
Amsterdam	67	53	Clr	Lima	69	60	pc
Athens	89	62	Clr	Lisbon	96	73	Clr
Auckland	64	55	Rain	London	68	50	pc
Baghdad	107	77	Clr	Madrid	97	64	Clr
Basra	111	86	Clr	Managua	89	75	Rain
Bahrain	102	93	Clr	Manila	87	78	Rain
Bangkok	87	75	Rain	Mecca	114	84	Clr
Barbados	88	79	pc	Melbourne	59	41	Rain
Barcelona	81	71	pc	Mexico City	69	55	Rain
Beijing	80	55	Rain	Montevideo	86	64	Clr
Beirut	89	77	Clr	Montreal	71	54	Rain
Belgrade	73	60	Rain	Moscow	69	50	pc
Berlin	71	48	Rain	Nairobi	79	56	pc
Bermuda	85	80	Rain	Nassau	93	80	Rain
Bogota	68	48	Rain	New Delhi	87	78	Rain
Brasilia	81	61	pc	Nice	84	74	pc
Brisbane	86	61	pc	Osaka	91	73	pc
Brussels	69	51	Clr	Oslo	63	42	pc
Bucharest	89	55	Rain	Panama	85	73	pc
Budapest	77	55	pc	Paris	75	51	pc
Buenos Aires	89	65	Clr	Perth	62	40	pc
Cairo	93	74	Clr	Prague	71	45	Clr
Calgary	79	45	Clr	Rio de Janeiro	77	66	Clr
Caracas	91	82	Clr	Rome	89	69	Rain
Colombo	84	80	pc	San Jose	81	65	pc
Copenhagen	66	56	pc	San Juan	89	78	pc
Dhahran	116	87	Clr	San Salvador	87	68	Rain
Dhaka	90	81	Rain	Santiago	60	49	pc
Dili	91	72	Clr	Sao Paulo	81	56	Clr
Dubai	102	87	Clr	Sapporo	70	58	Cldy
Dublin	68	46	Rain	Seoul	75	66	Rain
Frankfurt	75	45	pc	Singapore	85	73	Rain
Geneva	73	52	Clr	Sofia	77	60	pc
Guatemala	80	62	pc	Stockholm	66	51	pc
Hanoi	87	78	Rain	Sydney	70	53	Clr
Harare	52	47	Clr	Taipei	93	82	Clr
Havana	91	71	Clr	Tegucigalpa	86	61	pc
Helsinki	64	53	Rain	Tehran	91	73	Clr
Hong Kong	91	78	Rain	Tel Aviv	89	73	Clr
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Johannesburg	77	54	Clr	Valletta	87	73	Rain
Kabul	89	64	Rain	Vancouver	70	56	Clr
Kiev	74	58	Cldy	Vienna	71	54	pc
Kuala Lumpur	86	75	Rain	Warsaw	67	52	Clr
Kuwait	113	89	Clr	Zurich	72	41	Clr

WEDNESDAY'S FORECAST

Air Force Weather/www.afweather.af.mil

Tuesday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	82	49	PCldy	Erie	71	48	Clr	Jacksonville	87	72	Rain	Montgomery	88	64	PCldy	Richmond	77	60	Cldy	Spokane	89	63	PCldy
Abilene, Tex.	93	68	PCldy	Charleston, S.C.	82	70	Rain	Eugene	80	52	PCldy	Juneau	62	m	Cldy	Nashville	80	54	PCldy	Roanoke	71	55	Cldy	Springfield, Ill.	76	47	Clr
Akron, Ohio	73	47	Clr	Charleston, W.Va.	79	53	Clr	Evansville	78	50	Clr	Kansas City	79	52	PCldy	New Orleans	88	72	Clr	Rochester	71	46	Clr	Springfield, Mo.	77	50	Clr
Albany, N.Y.	74	47	Clr	Charlotte, N.C.	71	60	Cldy	Fairbanks	61	m	Cldy	Key West	91	82	PCldy	New York City	75	58	Clr	Rockford	74	45	Clr	Syracuse	73	46	Clr
Albuquerque	89	62	Cldy	Chattanooga	83	59	PCldy	Fargo	78	51	Clr	Knoxville	81	57	PCldy	Newark	75	58	Clr	Sacramento	92	57	Clr	Tallahassee	89	69	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	74	49	Clr	Cheyenne	81	52	PCldy	Flagstaff	80	50	Cldy	Lake Charles	91	69	PCldy	Norfolk, Va.	76	66	Cldy	St Louis	77	52	Clr	Tampa	89	75	Rain
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Baton Rouge	89	66	Clr	Concord, N.H.	74	43	Clr	Great Falls	83	54	PCldy	Lubbock	92	62	PCldy	Philadelphia	75	57	PCldy	San Jose	85	58	PCldy	W.Palm Beach	m	m	mm
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Thanks for investigation

I just wanted to thank your organization for its investigation of the Pentagon's practice of profiling embedded reporters ("Shaping the message?" Aug. 25).

Most people in the general public are unaware of the sophisticated way global institutions like the U.S. military work to control public perception.

Robert McClendon
Mobile, Ala.

'Golden hour' saves lives

In regard to "Wisdom of rushed care questioned" (article, Aug. 27): I am a flight nurse living in Kalispell, Mont., and couldn't help but notice this article, as it may be generating some conflict regarding destination decisions for wounded soldiers.

The concept of the "golden hour" was conceived by R. Adams Cowley at the Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore. This was the first clinical shock trauma unit in the nation. Cowley's ideal later became the first statewide emergency medical service system in the U.S.

In 1969, the first civilian medical evacuation transport took place, bringing the patient to Cowley's shock trauma unit. His lifelong research had always stated the necessity of transporting the injured to the "most appropriate care" facility within one hour of the onset of injury, regardless of passing by other, less-equipped, emergency departments. Cowley initially took a lot of heat for this concept; however, with perseverance, he continued to publish his research indicating this vital need in efforts to save as many lives as possible.

I thought it interesting that the article mentions there are still questions, despite this ideal being a long-standing standard of care in the civilian sector of transport trauma medicine.

Many of the civilian prehospital medical ideals are taken from the hard work performed by our men and woman in the harsh line of duty. The immediate care provided to these soldiers on scene, followed by rapid transport to an appropriate facility equipped with a staff of trauma surgeons and vital equipment, is the final guard against an untoward outcome in the lives of the injured.

Stephen Poehls
Columbia Falls, Mont.

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Extent of smokers' rights

It's happened to all of us: You're eating and someone lights up across some invisible barrier meant to stop smoke from traveling across a restaurant, and you and your family must breathe and smell the smoke while you eat.

Better yet, you're sitting in an office when your co-worker, a smoker, comes in from a smoke break and stinks up the whole office, and everyone who chose not to take that extra break has to breathe the odors.

With this debate on smoking, I feel there's only one answer: A smoker's right (military or otherwise) to enjoy his cigarette or other smoking implement extends, and abruptly ends, at a nonsmoker's right *not* to smoke. This includes the aftereffects of smoking, i.e. odors and secondhand smoke.

A smoker makes the rightful choice to smoke, and his right to make that choice cannot infringe on a nonsmoker's right not to smoke. Nonsmokers should not have to breathe odors or secondhand smoke. If smokers want to smoke, go ahead, but nonsmokers need not be forced to do the same.

Spc. Jeremy T. Glenn
Camp Taji, Iraq

Relationships on deployments

Many people find a relationship while serving within the military ranks, whether it is stateside or overseas. It especially happens while soldiers are deployed. I personally don't see it as a problem until it affects the soldiers, the mission or unit morale.

Why do soldiers feel the need to have relationships while on a deployment? Is it because it gives them that added security? Is it because it helps pass the time? If this is the case, is it worth a career? Many must think so, because it happens all the time.

Senior leadership is aware, but chooses to look the other way at times and not do anything about it. When senior leaders know this is happening within their ranks and choose to do nothing about it, then they, too, should be held accountable, especially when they see that a servicemember or leader is showing favoritism to a particular individual and/or section and it is affecting the overall mission. If, or when, it is finally dealt with, then the individuals involved should not be cut a break. They chose to make the bed, now they have to sleep in it.

The soldiers and the mission come first, not personal pleasures.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Randy Grady
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

Bipartisan voting reform not just a dream

Washington Post editorial

One was general counsel to John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign, the other held a similar post with Al Franken's campaign for the Minnesota U.S. Senate seat. It's hard to imagine Trevor Potter and Marc Elias agreeing on much. Yet the experiences of last fall's political campaigns helped convince both men that there is something fundamentally wrong with how ... America registers to vote. The result is a unique, bipartisan effort. ...

The Committee to Modernize Voter Registration was to be formally launched Monday. Its aim is to replace the country's cumbersome, paper-based system of voter registration with one that uses new technologies and government databases to build a more lasting roster. It wants to shift the burden so that states try to register all eligible voters, rather than waiting for individuals to come to them. Co-chaired by Potter and Elias, the group is composed of election administrators, former elected officials, campaign professionals, and experts on voting and elections. Among its members are former U.N. Ambassador and Republican Sen. John C. Danforth, former Senate Majority Leader Thomas A. Daschle, a Democrat, and former Reps. Republican Susan Molinari and Democrat Harold Ford Jr.

It's significant that different types of people — not just academicians or election officials — are agreeing on the drawbacks of the current, voter-initiated system of registration. ... The group ... believes that Congress should outline goals, set standards and use federal funds to encourage states to modernize. ... The Pew Center on the States, also a member of the new committee ... has looked at states that are pioneering new methods, such as Delaware, which requires all eligible visitors to the Division of Motor Vehicles to register to vote, update their registrations or decline to do so. Information is automatically downloaded into voters' files, eliminating the need for human entry and reducing the chance of error. Equally promising is the center's look at cost implications. Canada, which implemented a new system in 1996 at a start-up cost of $13.3 million, has realized about $150 million in savings. ...

By helping to foster a national conversation, the committee performs a valuable function, particularly because its voices are not encumbered by the partisan rancor that too often accompanies election reform. Congress ought to pay attention.

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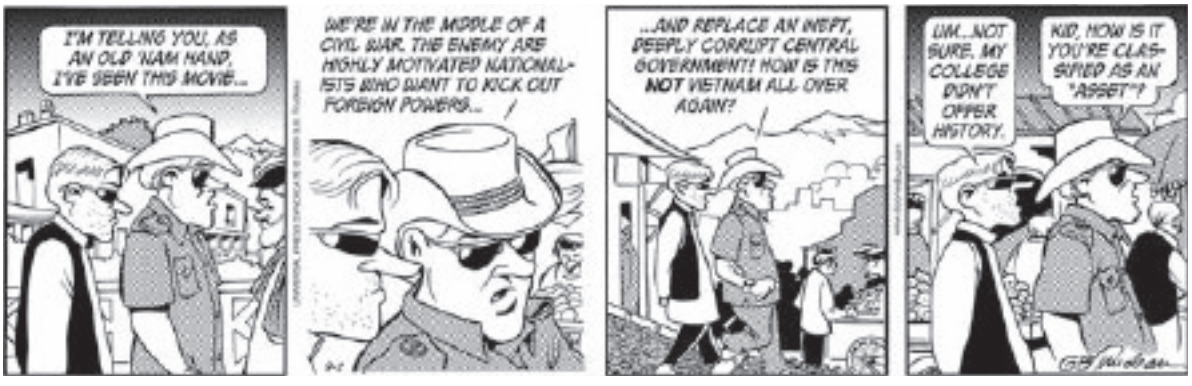
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

In Afghanistan, knowing it's time to stop

BY GEORGE F. WILL

WASHINGTON

"Yesterday," reads the e-mail from Allen, a Marine in Afghanistan, "I gave blood because a Marine, while out on patrol, stepped on a (mine's) pressure plate and lost both legs." Then "another Marine with a bullet wound to the head was brought in. Both Marines died this morning."

"I'm sorry about the drama," writes Allen, an enthusiastic infantryman willing to die "so that each of you may grow old." He says: "I put everything in God's hands." And: "Semper Fi!"

Allen and others of America's finest are also in Washington's hands. This city should keep faith with them by rapidly reversing the trajectory of America's involvement in Afghanistan, where, says the Dutch commander of coalition forces in a southern province, walking through the region is "like walking through the Old Testament."

U.S. strategy — protecting the population — is increasingly troop-intensive while Americans are increasingly impatient about "deteriorating" (says Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) conditions. The war already is nearly 50 percent longer than the combined U.S. involvements in two world wars, and NATO assistance is reluctant and often risible.

U.S. strategy is "clear, hold and build." Clear? Taliban forces can evaporate and then return, confident that U.S. forces will forever be too few to hold gains. Hence nation-building would be impossible even if we knew how, and even if Afghanistan were not the second-worst place to try: The Brookings Institution ranks Somalia as the only nation with a weaker state.

Creation of an effective central government? Afghanistan has never had one.

Military historian Max Hastings says Kabul controls only about a third of the country — "control" is an elastic concept — and "'our' Afghans may prove no more viable than were 'our' Vietnamese, the Saigon regime." Just 4,000 Marines are contesting control of Helmand province, which is the size of West Virginia. The New York Times reports a Helmand official saying he has only "police officers who steal and a small group of Afghan soldiers who say they are here for 'vacation.'"

Afghanistan's $23 billion GDP is the size of Boise's. Counterinsurgency doctrine teaches, not very helpfully, that development depends on security, and that security depends on development. Three-quarters of Afghanistan's poppy production for opium comes from Helmand. In what should be called Operation Sisyphus, U.S. officials are urging farmers to grow other crops. Endive, perhaps?

Even though violence exploded across Iraq *after*, and partly *because of*, three elections, Afghanistan's recent elections were called "crucial." To what? They came, they went, they altered *no* fundamentals, *all* of which militate against American "success," whatever that might mean. Creation of an effective central government? Afghanistan has *never* had one. U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry hopes for a "renewal of trust" of the Afghan people in the government, but The Economist describes President Hamid Karzai's government — his vice presidential running mate is a drug trafficker — as so "inept, corrupt and predatory" that people sometimes yearn for restoration of the warlords, "who were less venal and less brutal than Mr. Karzai's lot."

Mullen speaks of combating Afghanistan's "culture of poverty." But that took decades in just a few square miles of the South Bronx. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, U.S. commander in Afghanistan, thinks jobs programs and local government services might entice many "accidental guerrillas" to leave the Taliban. But before launching New Deal 2.0 in Afghanistan, the Obama administration should ask itself: If U.S. forces are there to prevent *re-establishment* of al-Qaida bases — evidently there are none now — must there be nation-building invasions of Somalia, Yemen and other sovereignty vacuums?

U.S. forces are being increased by 21,000 to 68,000, bringing the coalition total to 110,000. About 9,000 are from Britain, where support for the war is waning. Counterinsurgency theory concerning the time and the ratio of forces required to protect the population indicates that, nationwide, Afghanistan would need hundreds of thousands of coalition troops, perhaps for a decade or more. That is inconceivable.

So, instead, forces should be substantially reduced to serve a comprehensively revised policy: America should do only what can be done from offshore, using intelligence, drones, cruise missiles, airstrikes and small, potent Special Forces units, concentrating on the porous 1,500-mile border with Pakistan, a nation that actually matters.

Genius, said de Gaulle, recalling Bismarck's decision to halt German forces short of Paris in 1870, sometimes consists of knowing when to stop. Genius is not required to recognize that in Afghanistan, when means *now*, before more American valor, such as Allen's, is squandered.

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Only a strategy backed by resources will work

BY ANTHONY H. CORDESMAN

The United States cannot win the war in Afghanistan in the next three months — any form of even limited victory will take years of further effort. It can, however, easily lose the war. I did not see any simple paths to victory while serving on the assessment group that advised the new U.S. commander, Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, on strategy, but I did see all too clearly why the war is being lost.

The most critical reason has been resources. Between 2002 and 2008 the United States never provided the forces, money or leadership necessary to win, effectively wasting more than half a decade. Our country left a power vacuum in most of Afghanistan that the Taliban and other jihadist insurgents could exploit and occupy, and Washington did not respond when the U.S. Embassy team in Kabul requested more resources.

The Bush administration gave priority to sending forces to Iraq, it blustered about the successes of civilian aid efforts in Afghanistan that were grossly undermanned and underresourced, and it did not react to the growing corruption of Hamid Karzai's government or the major problems created by national caveats and restrictions on the use of allied forces and aid. It treated Pakistan as an ally when it was clear to U.S. experts on the scene that the Pakistani military and intelligence service did (and do) tolerate al-Qaida and Afghan sanctuaries and still try to manipulate Afghan Pashtuns to Pakistan's advantage.

Further, it never developed an integrated civil-military plan or operational effort even within the U.S. team in Afghanistan; left far too much of the aid effort focused on failed development programs; and denied the reality of insurgent successes in ways that gave insurgents the initiative well into 2009.

The appointments this summer of Karl Eikenberry as ambassador to Afghanistan and McChrystal as commander of U.S. and allied forces have created a team that can reverse this situation. In fact, given the rising unpopularity of the war and Taliban successes, they are our last hope of victory. Yet they can win only if they are allowed to manage both the civil and military sides of the conflict without constant micromanagement from Washington or traveling envoys. They must be given both the time to act and the resources and authority they feel they need. No other path offers a chance of a secure and stable Afghanistan free of terrorist and jihadist control and sanctuaries.

I do not know what resources Eikenberry or McChrystal would seek if given the chance. Eikenberry has indicated that funding of the civil side of the U.S. Embassy effort in Afghanistan is about half of what is necessary: Some $2.1 billion more may be sought to meet a $4.8 billion total need. He will almost certainly need far more civilians than the token "surge" that is planned (and that will not produce its full results until the spring or summer of 2010).

McChrystal has not announced a need for more U.S. troops, but almost every expert on the scene has talked about figures equivalent to three to eight more brigade combat teams — with nominal manning levels that could range from 2,300 to 5,000 personnel each — although much of that manpower will go to developing Afghan forces that must nearly double in size, become full partners rather than tools, and slowly take over from U.S. and NATO forces. Similarly, a significant number of such U.S. reinforcements will have to assist in providing a mix of capabilities in security, governance, rule of law and aid. U.S. forces need to "hold" and keep the Afghan population secure, and "build" enough secure local governance and economic activity to give Afghans reason to trust their government and allied forces. They must build the provincial, district and local government capabilities that the Kabul government cannot and will not build for them. No outcome of the recent presidential election can make up for the critical flaws in a grossly overcentralized government that is corrupt, is often a tool of power brokers and narco-traffickers, and lacks basic capacity in virtually every ministry.

Unfortunately, strong elements in the White House, State Department and other agencies seem determined to ignore these realities. They are pressuring the president to direct Eikenberry and McChrystal to come to Washington to present a broad set of strategic concepts rather than specific requests for troops, more civilians, money and an integrated civil-military plan for action. They are pushing to prevent a fully integrated civil-military effort, and to avoid giving Eikenberry and McChrystal all the authority they need to try to force more unity of effort from allied forces and the U.N.-led aid effort.

If these elements succeed, President Barack Obama will be as much a failed wartime president as George W. Bush. He may succeed in lowering the political, military and financial profile of the war for up to a year, but in the process he will squander our last hope of winning. This would only trade one set of political problems for a far worse set in the future and leave us with an enduring regional mess and sanctuary for extremism. We have a reasonable chance of victory if we properly outfit and empower our new team in Afghanistan; we face certain defeat if we do not.

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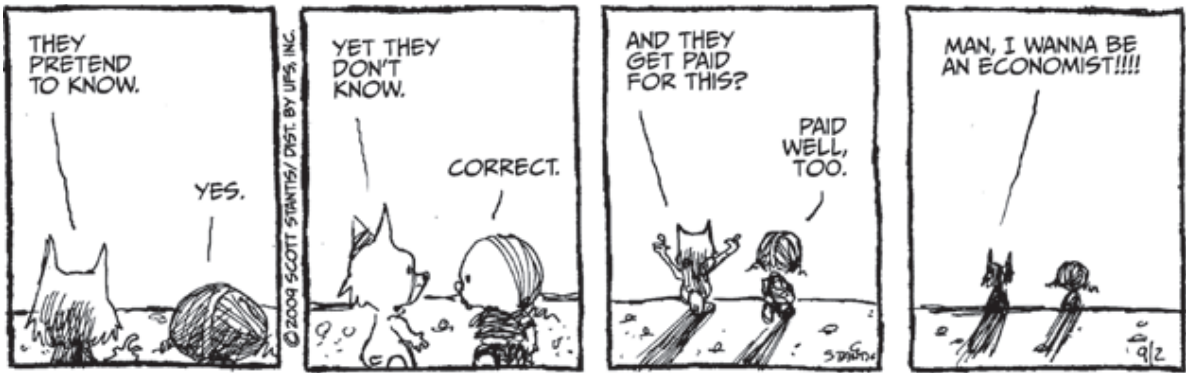

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Judge's wife cleared in fire

TX HOUSTON — Arson charges have been dropped against the wife of a Texas Supreme Court justice in a fire that destroyed the couple's home in a Houston suburb.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office dismissed felony arson and felony criminal mischief charges against Francisca Medina, the wife of Justice David Medina.

The dismissal came after experts couldn't rule out the possibility that an electrical problem caused the $1 million fire in Spring, Texas.

Medina's attorney, Dick DeGuerin, tells the Houston Chronicle that two witnesses said there was no way it was arson.

Commission won't back separate government bill

HI HONOLULU — The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights again is opposing a bill that would give Native Hawaiians a chance to form their own government.

The commission, which monitors federal civil rights enforcement, sent a letter to Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress opposing the Akaka bill.

The legislation is named for Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii. It would provide a roadmap for how Native Hawaiians could organize such a government.

The commission wrote that it was recommending against the bill because it would further subdivide Americans.

The letter went on to say that the bill is an attempted end-run around a Supreme Court decision.

Police remove more than 400 animals from home

FL OCALA — Authorities say they've taken more than 400 animals, including sheep, goats, ducks and even four endangered turtles, from a filthy central Florida home.

Marion County Sheriff's officials investigated and removed dead and living animals from the home of Ileana Verguizas and Andrew Gonzalo Perez. The animals, many covered in fleas and matted with feces, were kept in crates and pens. Cats, dogs, rabbits and parrots also were among the animals found.

Authorities said Verguizas and Perez were trying to raise quail and kept their eggs for months, hoping they would hatch. Some rotted and exploded.

No arrests have been made, but authorities say an animal cruelty investigation is ongoing.

Chinese museum to open new space for rail exhibit

NY NEW YORK — A new facility to teach schoolchildren about Chinese immigrants' role in building the Transcontinental Railroad will open at the Museum of Chinese in America.

The 14,000-square-foot space, six times bigger than its original home, is an $8.1 million project designed by Maya Lin, creator of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

For nearly 30 years, the museum has been housed in a 2,000-square-foot space at 70 Mulberry St. on the second floor of a 19th-century schoolhouse. So far, the museum has raised $12 million, and newly appointed director S. Alice Mong said it is well on the way to reaching its $15 million goal. The extra funds will be used to purchase more items for exhibition.

Pilots charged with transporting marijuana

TX MCALLEN — A court is set to hear from two pilots from India facing federal drug charges after a flight from the Houston area.

A federal magistrate has ordered the men held without bond.

KGBT-TV reports Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents detained the men after their private plane was flown from Spring to an airport in Edinburg, then on to McAllen.

ICE officials say the suspects allegedly picked up two suitcases, with about 50 pounds of marijuana, at a gate near a business aviation site at McAllen Miller International Airport. The plane was stopped with attempting to taxi to a runway.

Terri Schiavo's father dies of heart failure

FL ST. PETERSBURG — Family members say Robert Schindler, the father of late Terri Schindler Schiavo and a national figure in a fight to keep his brain injured daughter alive despite her husband's wishes to remove her feeding tube, has died. He was 71.

Bobby Schindler said his father died from heart failure at a hospital in St. Petersburg.

Robert Schindler and other family members founded the Terri Schindler Schiavo Foundation after her death in 2005 when her feeding tube was removed.

Congress passed a bill that allowed a federal court to intervene and keep the feeding tube, but the Supreme Court sided with Schiavo's husband.

Schiavo was diagnosed as being in a persistent vegetative state after her heart stopped in 1990.

Feather fest

Reveler Shenae Searcy of Boston pauses during the annual Caribbean Carnival in Boston.

Officials field Cherokee concern for historic sites

GA RINGGOLD — Lawmakers addressed questions about Cherokee historic sites at recent open house meetings in Catoosa County.

About 15 individuals or groups of people met with a slew of lawmakers including Sens. Don Thomas and Jeff Mullis, R-Chickamauga; Reps. Jay Neal, R-LaFayette; and Tom Weldon, R-Ringgold; and staff members from U.S. Rep. Nathan Deal, U.S. Sens. Johnny Isakson and Saxby Chambliss, all Republicans.

Ringgold resident Alva Crowe, a member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, asked about cuts at the Chief Vann House and New Echota historical sites. Both sites saw their hours of operation scaled back earlier this summer as part of a statewide effort to make up a budget shortfall.

Mullis told Crowe that the Cherokee should consider "going on the warpath" to raise awareness of the history.

Man guilty of 20 counts of child porn possession

TX BROWNSVILLE — A man whose imprisoned brother claimed responsibility for child pornography on a computer has been convicted on 20 possession counts.

The penalty phase for 32-year-old Adrian De Leon is upcoming. The defense is seeking probation.

The computer was seized by Brownsville police in 2006.

Jesus De Leon, 28, who testified the pornography belonged to him, is serving 50 years for aggravated sexual assault of a child and 22 counts of possession of child pornography.

Anonymous donor gives Salvation Army Dali items

TX HOUSTON — A donor who wishes to remain anonymous has given a Houston charity items offered as originals by famed Spanish artist Salvador Dali.

The Salvation Army has put the abstract pieces on display at one of its thrift stores. Certificates of authenticity accompany the artworks by Dali, who died in 1989.

The items range from drawings to lithographs to individual prints. A bronze crucifix is part of the display.

Waterfall

Children play as water is dumped on them at the Goodyear Community Park in Goodyear, Ariz.

Is that comfortable?

Kitsap County Fair and Stampede contestant Tim Crabtree, 13, of Kingston, Wash., uses his angus Maie for a pillow in Bremerton, Wash.

Many hands make light work

Cynthia Lupien, left, and Allison Dawe help fellow Girls Scouts from Troop 9 spruce up the windows of the Ranch House at the Spring River Zoo in Roswell, N.M.

It'll come out in the wash

Participants get down and dirty during a tomato fight as part of La Tomatina in Reno, Nev. La Tomatina in Reno is a new event for Reno and was sponsored by the Club CalNeva and benefited the American Cancer Society.

Seeing triple

Hogle Zoo, in Salt Lake City, debuts its three male Amur tiger cubs, who were born June 2. The tigers are classified as critically endangered.

Muy caliente

Socorro Lopez, 48, whips up salsa in Las Cruces, N.M.

Oldies but goodies

Dave and Barb Good, right, from Grand Rapids, Mich., ride in a 1848 stage coach on a 1928 Ford Model A chassis. Their son John, 18, drives a 1952 Allard J2X, during the annual 28th Street Metro Cruise in Grand Rapids.

Man pleads guilty to beheading tame deer

TX HOUSTON — A 24-year-old man has pleaded guilty over the 2008 beheading of Mr. Buck, a tame deer that lived in a Houston wildlife sanctuary.

Gregory pleaded guilty to taking a wildlife resource without landowner consent, a state jail felony.

He faces 180 days to two years in jail and a fine ranging from $1,500 to $10,000.

The remains of child-friendly Mr. Buck were discovered at Bear Creek Pioneers Park.

A tip led to Gregory. Investigators say the deer's severed head was found in a freezer at Gregory's home.

Restorer finds hidden pig in Dutch painting

MI GRAND RAPIDS — A restorer has found a hidden image of a butchered pig in a 17th-century Dutch painting owned by a Michigan college.

Last summer, Calvin College director of exhibitions Joel Zwart sent the picture to Chicago art conservator Barry Bauman for cleaning.

Bauman noticed that a ladder on the left side of the painting had been heavily painted over and the paint was flaking.

Underneath, he discovered the pig, butchered and stretched hanging upside down from the ladder.

"It was painted over, and the obvious question is, 'Why was it painted over?'" Zwart said. "Well, it was most likely not covered over by the artist. Very likely a wealthy patron bought it.

"It's this grotesque scene, this butchered animal hanging in a barn. And quite likely this patron hired another artist to paint it over."

State commission rejects Oahu project

HI HONOLULU — The state Land Use Commission has rejected a developer's proposal for nearly 12,000 homes on prime Oahu farmland after finding the project failed to meet development requirements.

The commission found the proposal "deficient" in a 5-3 vote. The panel found D.R. Horton-Schuler Homes did not comply with state law requiring that a substantial amount of development be completed within 10 years in order to get the zoning designation changed from agricultural to urban use.

Police say duo claimed attack to hide argument

NY MAYVILLE — Police say a teenage girl and her 20-year-old boyfriend concocted an elaborate account of being attacked in western New York to disguise a fight between themselves.

The Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office said the 16-year-old girl's mother noticed bruises on the teen's face.

Sheriff's deputies say the girl and her boyfriend told deputies that burglars had broken into his Mayville apartment and assaulted them, prompting an investigation and multiple witness interviews. Mayville is about 70 miles southwest of Buffalo.

The sheriff's office says investigators eventually determined the break-in story was bogus.

Corrections officer fired after child porn charge

TX AUSTIN — A Travis County corrections officer has been fired after being charged with possession of child pornography.

Roger Wade, a spokesman for the Travis County Sheriff's Office, said that 49-year-old Joe Rocha had been fired and that an investigation into the charges is under way.

Rocha was being held at the Travis County Jail on $100,000 bail. It was not immediately known whether he had an attorney.

Gunmen shoot up party, hurting four men

NY BRENTWOOD — Police say gunmen sprayed bullets into a group gathered for a birthday party on Long Island, hurting four men.

Suffolk County police say about 10 people were on the front lawn of a Brentwood home just after midnight when seven or eight shots burst from behind a van in the driveway next door.

Police say the gunmen had covered their faces with something white. They ran away.

Three victims in their 20s have been treated at local hospitals and released. The fourth, who is 19, is in stable condition.

Brazen burglar returns to Fla. home for TV

FL PENSACOLA — Police in Florida say a burglar who made off with a man's valuables returned to the home later to snatch what he couldn't carry on his first trip: a 100-pound plasma-screen TV.

A Pensacola Police investigator was on the scene when the robber came back hours after the first burglary.

The man who lived at the house, Steve Fluegge, said he was shocked the burglar came back to steal the television. The suspect had left it near a fence in the backyard, but he made off with Fluegge's wallet, watch and video game system.

Investigators had left the TV in the yard so they could dust for fingerprints.

Police have offered to pay for the TV.

Judge returns to court for 96th birthday party

TX HOUSTON — A 96-year-old retired judge in Houston celebrated his birthday in the same place where he spent many of his working days.

In court.

About 50 family and friends gathered to salute Retired State District Judge William Hatten.

Hatten, who celebrated his birthday in the same court for 37 years, invited the group to return next year.

District courts administrator Clay Bowman said Hatten, now a part-time visiting judge, has not served on the bench since 2007.

Judge Shawna Reagin, who now occupies Hatten's bench, praised the retired judge and said "he doesn't miss a trick."

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Holiday Mathis

The Virgo sun can be a caring friend, but she's no pushover. This week, she behaves more like a tough coach or a physical trainer, encouraging us to work a little bit harder and put ourselves out there more. The Aquarius moon adds a novel touch. We might not even notice how much we're sweating as we chase after a bit of fun.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 2). Beautiful balance is your birthright. Your challenges are enough to motivate you to new heights and not enough to stress or weaken you. Developments in your love life will help you reach an educational or financial goal. December brings the chance to contribute to an important cause and change the world. Aries and Aquarius people adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be knocked out of your routine. The changes have your internal compass whirling, unsure of which way is north. That's what makes this a perfect time to institute a new rule or begin a fresh habit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not trying to please others by being overly cheerful. That's just the way you feel. It's easy for you to look on the bright side now, and your sunny disposition is a gift to everyone around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've set your sights on a goal that is not as easy to reach as you thought it would be. Any adversity that comes up will strengthen you and give you the stamina to journey on.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You simply cannot stand by and watch people sleepwalk through life. You stir up a commotion. The racket you make will startle others awake. Some will be grateful to you once they've stabilized.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is no need to grapple with the odds. Statistics can never prove what will happen in any particular case. Believe in yourself and your dreams enough to know with certainty that you will succeed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Slippery slopes are not reserved for negativity. Positive momentum can also happen in a manner that feels much like barely controlled falling. One kind move begins an avalanche.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Keep trying to tackle a persistent problem. You'll be near the one who holds the key. Choose your moments carefully, and use them well. The perfect question will finally penetrate the heart of the matter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Any time spent in passing judgment will only drain your energy. Seek to experience life first-hand, and avoid forming opinions about anything you haven't personally been involved with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Diplomacy has its time and place, but you're back to calling things how you see them — no frills, no filter. This makes life simple for now. And if you hurt feelings along the way, they will mend quickly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Are you in a position that allows you to socialize the day away? If not, whatever time you can spare for keeping up with personal phone calls, e-mails and letters will be well spent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's challenging to fit a new relationship into your life. You have to like a person quite a lot in order to facilitate a deeper connection. Scheduling and proximity will be the main issues to figure out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It doesn't make sense anymore to pursue a certain endeavor, at least not in the manner you've been approaching it. Everything is cyclical. Drop this course of action and a new idea will be born.

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Yesterday's solution

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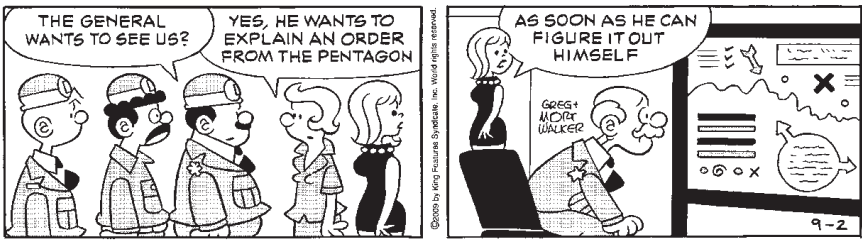
Beetle Bailey



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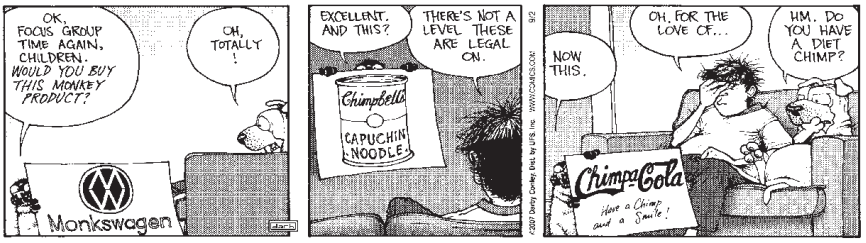

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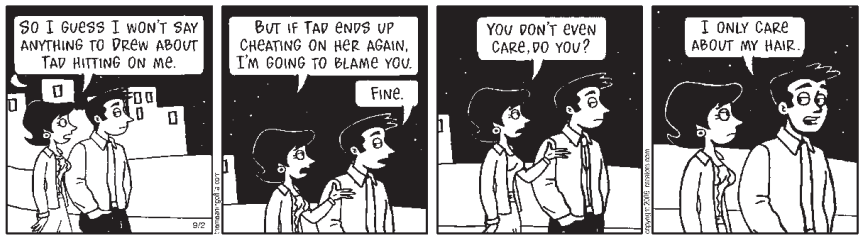

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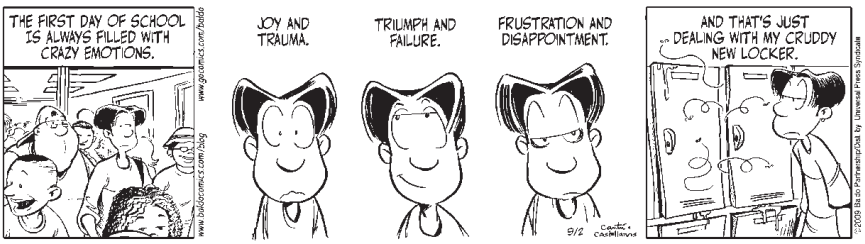

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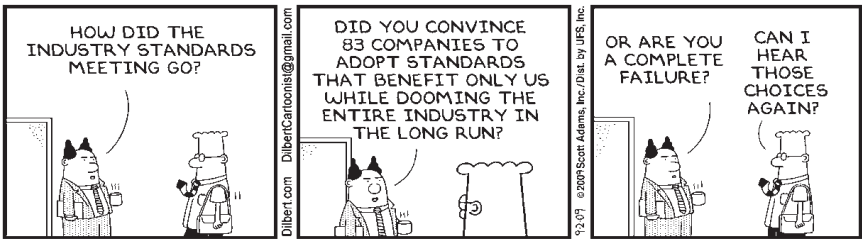

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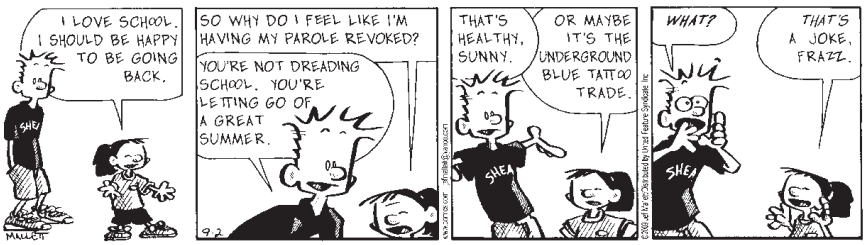

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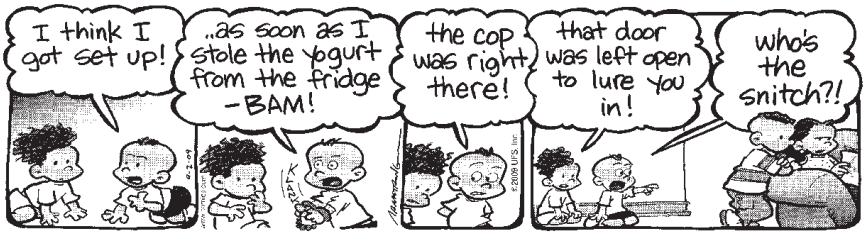

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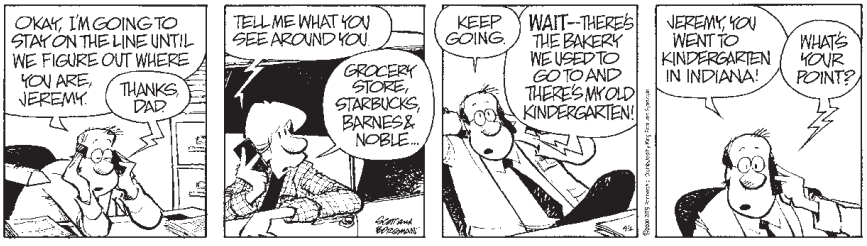

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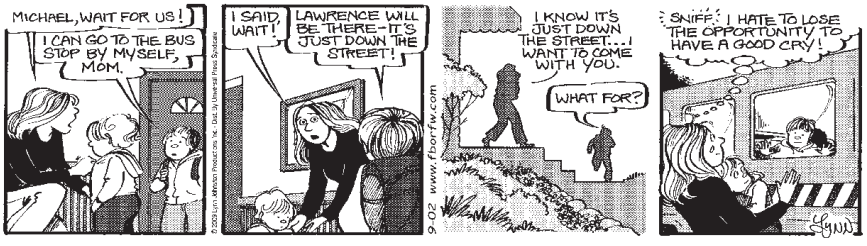

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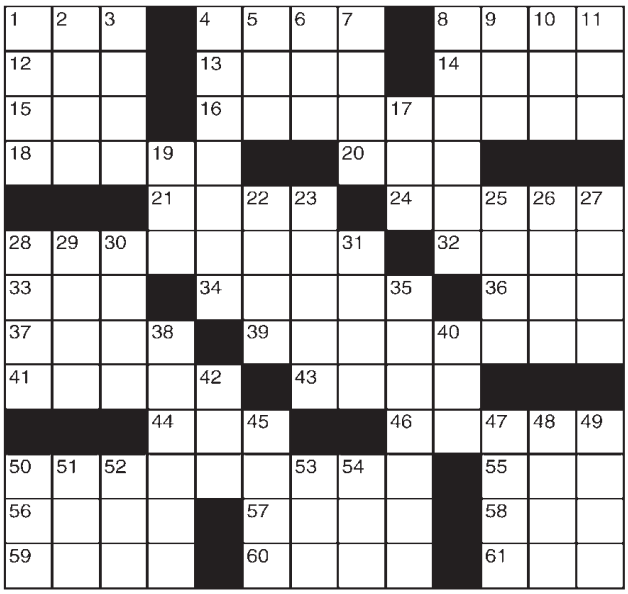

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21 Support group?
24 Presents
28 Cause clashing
32 Italian farewell
33 Work with
34 Movie cowboy Lash
36 Matterhorn, for one
37 Venetian blind part
39 Li'l Abner's home
41 Serf
43 Slay
44 Scoundrel
46 Youngsters
50 Bigfoot
55 Mined-over matter
56 Quaker's address
57 Womanizer
58 "A Chorus Line" song
59 Harvard's rival
60 Legal wrong
61 Barbie's companion

DOWN

1 Gunk
2 Foundation
3 Q-tip end
4 Strong, cold wind
5 Last (Abbr.)
6 Writer Buscaglia
7 Big fair, for short
8 Slanted type
9 Speck
10 Fond du —, WI
11 Biblical verb ending
17 Peruke
19 "Big Blue" company
22 Slightly
23 Seafood selection
25 Decree
26 Body powder
27 Last year's frosh
28 Dogsled command
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30 Notary's symbol
31 "Les Miserables" author
35 Disparaging term
38 Rotational force
40 Whatever amount
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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9-2 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DURING YESTERDAY'S THUNDERSTORM IN ATHENS, MANY PEOPLE WERE WATCHING THE GREECE LIGHTNING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals E

Wife shies from nudist habits

Dear Abby: My husband, "Adam," and I bought a lovely, secluded home in the country. We have no children, and our nearest neighbor is a half-mile away. Now it seems like my husband plans to spend the rest of his life in the nude. He loves it and often tells me how "relaxing" it feels. I must admit his temperament has improved.

Please don't get me wrong — I'm not a prude. But Adam goes for days without wearing a stitch unless we're going out or someone is coming over. He works in the yard, cuts the grass, hikes in our woods naked — and has a head-to-toe tan.

I don't mind seeing my husband in the buff. He's clean and well-groomed and nearly as trim as when we first married. (We both are.) My problem is, Adam is constantly after me to join him. I admire his nerve, but just can't bring myself to go outdoors with nothing on, despite the privacy. My biggest hang-up is fear of getting caught.

Last month, Adam was mowing the lawn and didn't hear the UPS truck come down our long driveway. Caught "red-handed," he nonchalantly signed for the package, wished the driver a good day and went back to work. The driver winked and gave me a thumbs-up as he drove away.

Should I give in to Adam's request and give his nude lifestyle a try? I know it would mean a lot to him. I told him I'd follow your advice.

— "Eve" In Upstate New York

Dear "Eve": I'm not opposed to it. From everything I have read, and from readers' testimonials, the naturalist lifestyle is healthy and upbeat, so give it a try. Just be sure to wear sunscreen.

P.S. By December, your problem should no longer be a problem.

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: A single male friend and I have had a running debate about the phrase "I love you, but I am not IN love with you." It came up again with his telling another friend he believes there is a big difference between the two. I have been married for 20 years, and I told him that all love starts out "in" love and gradually becomes a more meaningful and everlasting love. Can you settle this?

— Tired Of Hearing It in Texas

Dear Tired: You can love more than one person at a time, but to be IN love with someone implies that you are focused only on that person and want the relationship to be exclusive. Although sometimes that feeling passes, other times it deepens into the emotion that you described. In other words, when it comes to love there are no absolutes.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at **http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby**

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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NEW Jumble iPhone App go to: www.bit.ly/15QkRq

REVOUD

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RABBI BRIAR LAYOFF GASKET
Answer: Fears can lead to this — SAFER

Pearls Before Swine

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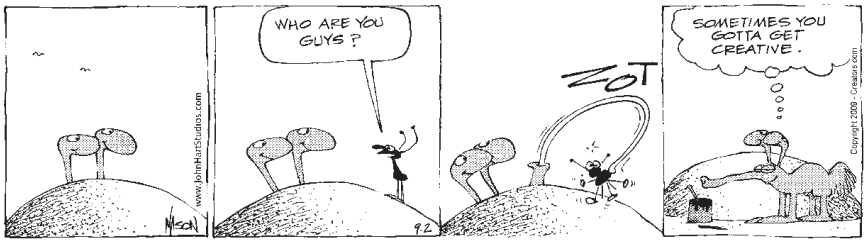

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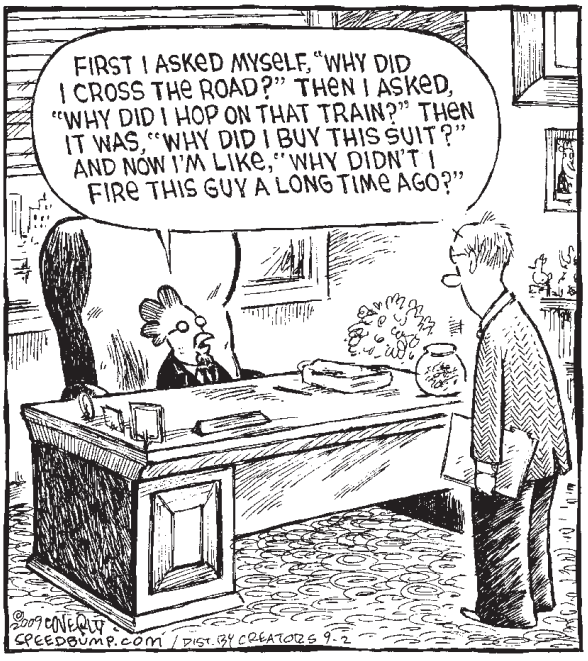

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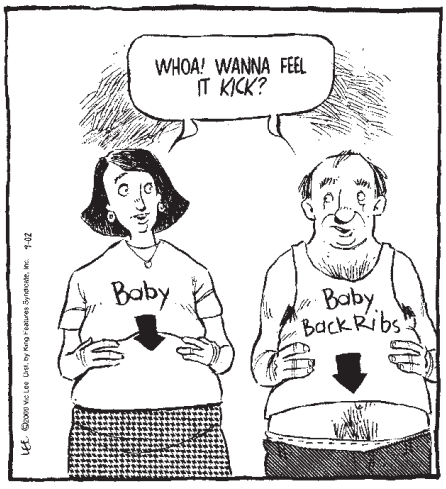

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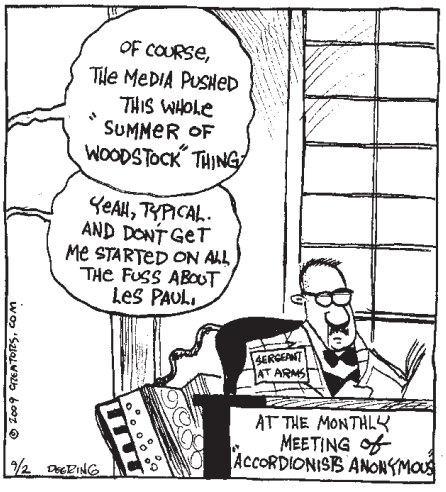
Strange Brew



AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(2:50) Movie "Children of a Lesser God" (1986, Drama) William Hurt, Marlee Matlin, Piper Laurie.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design Remix	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals				Battleground	Curb Appeal		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Today's Air Force	Lost Worlds "Sin City of the West" The Wild West.	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles. From Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore.	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell		Tavis Smiley		Recon			
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents	Movie Mob	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja	Maltin's Secret's Out	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Punk'd
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Week-Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30	The King of Queens	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	FNG Useful benefits.	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	True Jackson, VP	Movie "Casino Royale" (2006, Action) Daniel Craig, Eva Green. James Bond plays poker with a man who finances terrorists.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock Trace Adkins, Julianne Hough, Kid Rock, Reba McEntire and Brad Paisley are scheduled to perform.	Briefing Encore	Deal or No Deal	SportsCenter	WWE SummerSlam From Los Angeles.
19:30	Judge Judy	Naturally, Sadie				Fit For Duty			
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Summerland "Pick Nik"		Today		Battleground	The Biggest Loser: Families	Quick Pitch	
20:30						Recon Revisited			
21:00	General Hospital	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Meeting Mr. Pony"		Today		Around the Services	The Biggest Loser: Families	NFL Preseason Football Minnesota Vikings at Houston Texans. From Reliant Stadium in Houston. (Subject to Blackout)	The Salt 'N Pepa Show
21:30			(:41) Movie "Before Sunset" (2004, Romance) Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy.			Pacific Report			Snoop Father
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: TNG		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Pool Guy"		SportsNation
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	USARJ This Week	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Life Is Too Beautiful"	(:13) Movie "Beavis and Butt-head Do America"	Newsroom		The Grill Sergeants	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	True Jackson, VP	Beavis and Butt-head	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	SportsCenter	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Naturally, Sadie	(:43) Movie "High Fidelity" (2000, Romance-Comedy) John Cusack, Iben Hjejle, Todd Louiso. A record-store owner realizes he's not a kid anymore.		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Punk'd
1:00	Headline News	Summerland "Pick Nik"		Happening Now		Recon	Battlestar Galactica Adama's proposal for an alliance.	SportsCenter	The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report				Judge Judy	Around the Services			Family Guy
2:00	CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock Trace Adkins, Julianne Hough, Kid Rock, Reba McEntire and Brad Paisley are scheduled to perform.	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Meeting Mr. Pony"		Newsroom	CSI: NY "Fare Game" A fantasy game leads to murder.	Downrange	Supernatural "Dead in the Water"	Tennis U.S. Open, Early Round. From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (Live)	WWE SummerSlam From Los Angeles.
2:30						Today's Air Force			
3:00		Degrassi: Next Generation	(2:47) Movie "Casino Royale" (2006, Action) Daniel Craig, Eva Green, Mads Mikkelsen. James Bond plays poker with a man who finances terrorists.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon Revisited	The Unit "Gone Missing"		
3:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				State Dept Briefing			
4:00		7th Heaven "Life Is Too Beautiful"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Pool Guy"		The Salt 'N Pepa Show
4:30						Around the Services	Friends		Snoop Dogg's Father Hood
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Army Newswatch	Namaste Yoga		SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
5:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Rolie Polie Olie	(:28) Movie "Before Sunset" (2004, Romance) Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy, Vernon Dobtcheff.		Headline News	This Week in the Pentagon	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad		
6:00		Sesame Street		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	10 Dollar Dinners		Attack of the Show!
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman					Around the Services	Cooking-Sandra Lee		
7:00		Bear in the Big Blue House	Movie Mob	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Briefing Encore	FitTV's Diet Doctor	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Raggs	Maltin's Secret's Out	NBC Nightly News		FNG Useful benefits.			
8:00		Dora the Explorer	What It Takes	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet	E:60	Sports
8:30	Judge Judy	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Entertainment Tonight	CBS Evening News		Around the Services			
9:00	CSI: NY "Fare Game" A fantasy game leads to murder.	The Backyardigans	Movie "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. Innocent man goes to a Maine prison for life in 1947.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon Revisited	Reba "You Make Me Sick"	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Minnesota Twins. From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	
9:30		Curious George				State Dept Briefing	Living Single		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30		Super Why!				AFN Europe Report			
11:00	Dr. Phil	Curious George	(:15) Movie "October Sky" (1999) Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper. A teenager reaches for the stars in a 1950s mining town.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	Recon	E! News		Sports
11:30		The Backyardigans			The King of Queens	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Ni Hao, Kai-lan		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "The Naked Time"	SportsCenter	
12:30	ESPNews	Dora the Explorer			Judge Judy	Around the Services			
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Raggs	Movie "What's Love Got to Do With It" (1993) Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne. The life story of Tina and Ike Turner.	Campbell Brown	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Roseanne	Baseball Tonight	
13:30		Bear in the Big Blue House				Downrange	Girlfriends "Church Lady"	NFL Live	
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
14:30	World News-Gibson					Recon			
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(:10) Movie "Starship Troopers" (1997) Casper Van Dien. Young troops battle a vicious army of gigantic insects.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Landscape Smart	SportsCenter	
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals				Battleground	Color Splash		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	The American Veteran	Lost Worlds Soviet dictator's grandiose architectural plan.	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
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17:00	Dr. Phil	(:05) The Fairly OddParents	At the Movies	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Entertainment Studios.com	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Punk'd
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18:30	The King of Queens	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	Sonny With a Chance	Movie "Daddy Day Care" (2003, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Jeff Garlin. Two unemployed fathers open a childcare facility.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	America's Got Talent First 10 acts from the top 20 perform.	Briefing Encore	Primetime: Crime		UFC Unleashed
19:30	Judge Judy	Zoey 101				Fit For Duty			
20:00	The Young and the Restless	American Dreams "Where the Boys Are"		Today		Battleground	Wedding Day "Sara and Bryan" Single mother at 23.		Luke's Parental Advisory
20:30						Recon			Baldwin Hills
21:00	General Hospital	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Things to Do on a Rainy Day"	(8:50) Movie "S.W.A.T." (2003) Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Farrell. A Los Angeles SWAT team must protect a criminal.	Today	Big Brother 11	Around the Services	Desperate Housewives		Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
21:30						Pacific Report			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: Next Generation		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Sponge"	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	This Week in the Pentagon	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Yak Sada"	Movie "The Elephant Man" (1980, Biography) John Hurt.	Newsroom		Tour of Duty	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

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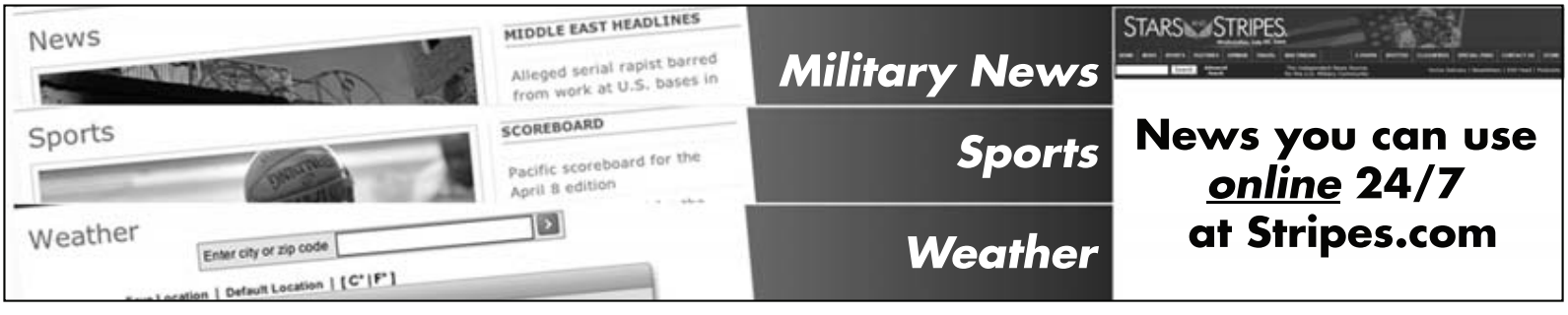
00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Sonny With a Chance	(11:00) Movie "The Elephant Man" (1980) John Hurt.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	EXchange on Air	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Zoey 101			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Punk'd
1:00	Headline News	American Dreams "Where the Boys Are"	(:15) Movie "The Breakfast Club" (1985) Emilio Estevez. Five teenagers make strides toward mutual understanding.	Happening Now		Today's Air Force	Starter Wife (Part 6 of 6)		The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report				Judge Judy	Around the Services			Family Guy
2:00	America's Got Talent	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Things to Do on a Rainy Day"		Newsroom	CSI: NY A doorman is found dead in a building's water tank.	Downrange	Ghost Whisperer "Home but Not Alone"		UFC Unleashed
2:30						This Week in the Pentagon			
3:00		Degrassi: Next Generation	Movie "Daddy Day Care" (2003, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Jeff Garlin. Two unemployed fathers open a childcare facility.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Psych The feds show up with their own psychic.	Sports	Luke's Parental Advisory
3:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey				State Dept Briefing			Baldwin Hills
4:00	Big Brother 11	7th Heaven "Yak Sada"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Sponge"		Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
4:30						Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(4:50) Movie "S.W.A.T." (2003, Action) Samuel L. Jackson.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	All Hands TV	Namaste Yoga	NFL Live	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
5:30	Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien	Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Recon	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	Jim Rome Is Burning	



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Atsugi - FOR SALE 1997 Honda Accord $1800 OBO. Power everything in good working condition. JCI 'til Apr '10; Base Inspection 'til Feb '10. Contact Kelly @ 080-6786-6900.

Misawa, Japan - 1997 Subaru Impreza - JCI good through Oct. 2010. A/C Heater, CD player 4 wheel drive asking $2000 OBO Please call 080-3178-1556 or email elaina.sellon@yahoo.com looking for a reliable inexpensive car then here you go a Dark Blue 4 door

Autos for Sale 141

Misawa, Japan - For Sale: Honda civic. JCI good until March 2011 and the 2009 road tax paid. Automatic transmission 6 disc CD changer Working A/c Asking $1500 OBO call 0176-52-7219 or email combo1982@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1986 Sprinter Trueno AE86 with JCI for 2 full years and cold A/C 170,000 km TRD Exhaust HKS Intake TRD Suspension TRD 2way Diff NGK Ignition Wires NGK Plugs Cusco F/R Strut Bar Water Temp/ Oil Press. / Volt Gauges etc. only serious buyers make a reasonable offer all serious offers will be considered. Call 425-274-4379 or email dani_co3@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1990 Nissan Must Go! Red, great for off road, IPod USB hardwire (plug and play), Red, great for off road, IPod USB hardwire (plug and play), Kenwood remote control CD player, sunroof, recent tune up (replace spark plugs, oil change, air filter), has a few dings but overall a great car. JCI till April 2010. Asking $1100 but willing to negotiate. For sale now but we will need to use till Sept. 4. PCS'ng email pittman_five@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1990 Nissan Terrano - PCS'ing Must Go! Red, great for off road, IPod USB hardwire (plug and play), Kenwood remote control CD player, sunroof, recent tune up (replace spark plugs, oil change, air filter), has a few dings but overall a great car. JCI till April 2010. Asking $1100 but willing to negotiate. For sale now but we will need to use till Sept. 4. Please email pittman_five@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1994 Silver Nissan Primera My family will be PCS'ing soon and I am looking to sell my vehicle. This vehicle has a roomy trunk and easily seats 5 adults. Currently it has 110,000 km (rough estimate) which translates to about 70,000 miles. Very reliable vehicle and fits into tight spaces. Asking price $1200 for more information just call (313) 347-1026 or (080) 5650-1979 and ask for David.

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Mitsubishi Delica-Space Gear Van; Seats 8; Cold A/C; power windows w/ moon roof and sun roof; JCI 26 Apr 2010. Asking $1200 OBO Runs great, but having engine cooling problems Sean 080-3511-6553

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Toyota RAV 4, 4-wheel drive Excellent Vehicle! JCI good until December 2010 Tires replaced Dec 08 New Battery Mar 09 Brakes/pads oiled, etc Aug 09 Asking $3700 Aug 09 Call Dawn, Cell 090-9788-3296

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Honda Accord Gold, 4-door good family car. Great A/C and heater, 6-cd changer and in-dash navigation system runs great. Haven't had any problems with it. JCI until Feb. 2011 asking $2000 OBO PCS September 5th, so need to sell ASAP Please call 412-246-3000 or email ashley.smith@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - 1999 Daihatsu Gino Cute, 1950's style, compact car! Dark purple & chrome, JCI until June 2010, 2 door, power windows & locks, great AC & heat, automatic, AM/FM stereo w/CD player, 75,438 miles, only takes $20 to fill tank! Bought last year & only put 500 miles on it. Easy to drive on small streets! Excellent condition! PCS'ing in 2 weeks- must sell! JCI until June 2010 Asking $2000 OBO Call 0805-414-5420

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Yokota, Japan - 2001 Honda saber type s (Acura type S) 260hp V-6 Engine HID Xenon Headlamps Fog Lamps Honda On-Board Touch screen Navigation Bluetooth Ready ETC Card Reader Tiptronic Shift Option Cream Leather Interior w/ Wood trim 6 Disc In-Dash CD Player Bose 5 Speaker Stereo System with Subwoofer power windows, Locks, Mirrors, Driver's Seat Keyless Entry, Keyless Trunk Opener Viper Alarm with Silence Option This car is very powerful and a lot of fun to drive! Asking $4200 OBO JCI until March 2011 Email phorty6daze@hotmail.com or ask for Mike at 763-354-3588. I am willing to negotiate a price with you.

Yokota, Japan - '93 Silver Toyota Celsior For Sale CD/MP3 player; 18 inch alloy rims; Replaced factory 8 inch subwoofer with 8 inch Kicker Competition sub and Kenwood Amp comes with stock rims and tires, JCI until Sep. 2010 asking $2800 OBO Call 210-881-4363 or email raphaeljr@hotmail.com for more info.

Yokota. Japan - 94' Nissan Largo (pictures coming soon), Navy Blue, seats 7, CD player, replaced tires during JCI, will get oil changed right before transfer. Available 10 Sept, must sell due to PCS. JCI until 15 July 2011 asking $2000 OBO Please call 214-261-6465 or email gpooky_99@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 95 Toyota Chasers, JCI till Jan 2010! Great car runs very well! New tires, Cold air condition automatic- Just over 100K. Clean interior- Great size for a family, plenty of room. JCI until 2001 asking $1500-PCSing soon, need to sell -Please contact via phone 080-5181-1883

Yokota, Japan - '96 Black Honda Odyssey for Sale! 2 yrs JCI until July 2011. Seats up to 7, Rear seats fold down for more hauling space, Japanese GPS; CD player with IPod connection. Asking $2800 OBO Contact us at DSN 224-0721 / 225-2907 for more info.

Yokota, Japan - Family Deal - two cars for $1100 1996 Toyota Scepter - JCI until Oct 2010, 7seater, Moon-roof, GPS, A/C, reliable family car and 1994 Toyota Starlet - JCI until Oct 09, 4 door, A/C, reliable car. We've had both cars for over two years and haven't had any problems. Please call Joe or Jayne 717-265-2649. 224-0646

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 98 Toyota Aristo W/ 2 year JCI Navy/Deep Blue Leather interior Power Locks, windows, etc. Sunroof Power Locks, windows, etc. Sunroof New 18" Chrome Rims Heated Seats Spacious car Runs Good Road Tax Paid Small Scratch But I Will Cover The Cost Come Take A Look At it/ Test Drive If Interested please email me at spear_robert@yahoo.com or call @ 619 894 8034 or 080 412 18307 Bought the care for 5000 and bought rims for it But I Am selling it for a lot cheaper JCI until June 2011 asking $4500 Call 080-4121-8307 or email robert.spear@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - Toyota Aristo 19" Wheels (New Tires) New Brakes Leather Seats CD Player 12in Sub w/ 400 watt amp Talking Alarm/w sensors 2 key remotes. Asking $3500 OBO Call 263-7369 / cell 080-6786-6693 or e_smalls@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Toyota Lucida JCI due Mar 2011, asking $1800 1996 Luxury edition, is in great shape. JCI until March 2011 please call me at 090-9391-1877

Yokota, Japan - Toyota Mark II Grande 1996 Nice and Clean No JCI $800 hurry will PCS soon. Call 080-3394-7695 Matt asking $800

Yokota, Japan - Truck 4 Sale! 1994 Nissan Terrano - PCS move. JCI expires Oct 2009 buyer renews, Asking price $1500. Option 2: JCI renewed by owner asking Price $2200 payment Options. Please Call 090-349-80860 or email maxine.howard@yokota.af.mil

Zama; 1991 4-wheel drive Nissan Terrano: Excellent condition; JCI just renewed good until August 2011; English GPS, ETC Machine; Kenwood Stereo with USB port connection where 4 thumb drives can hold over 100 CDs, power amp and Electro-hydraulic shocks. Many more extras email Larry at LPLATT69@hotmail.com or call 090-8053-3919 $1800 or best offer.

Zama - 2006 Chevrolet Corvette C6 /Z06 Styling, Silver, 20" rims, American Spec, Excellent Condition, Less than 25,000 miles, Garage kept, Glass Coating, Hurricane Intake, Bassani Exhaust System, Z06 Design, Leather Interior, Sport Racing Suspension, 450HP, JCI, Targa-Top; plus much more; Priced to sell, Kelly Blue Book, Serious Offers Only: 090-851-79568 or 268-4288

Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Honda CB 400 Beginners bike with low mileage. Blue - Good condition. JCI until August 2010 asking $1200 Please call 090-349-80860 or email maxine.howard@yokota.af.mil

Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Harley Davidson Low Rider 1996 Harley-Davidson dyna low rider - FXDL only 7500 miles, stored under cover, Custom paint and well taken care of. Serious offers will be considered. Asking price $10,000 Please call 313 347-1005 or email digtab@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Honda X-11 Only 10,000km, new battery, not recommended for beginners unless strong enough. Reduced for sacrifice sale from $3,950 to $3,450.00 need to sale or trade for other than motorcycle what do you have? Willing to finance Please call 210-547-9936 or email samuelengler@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 2007 HD FLSTF Fatboy. Includes passenger seat, removable backrest (required for your passenger), saddlebag, and all factory manuals! Extras are available. If you want to buy a reasonably priced HD to ride to ride while you are here in Japan, this is a rare opportunity. I'm asking $15,000.00 but all reasonable offers will be considered. I love this bike! I'm only selling it because I'm PCS'ing back home and I don't need two. JCI until July 2010 asking $15000 Please email bakaboy45@yahoo.com

Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - City Mini Stroller Rarely used. Very easy to use and place in your car. Asking $200 Call 954-676-4031 or email baldini3@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Lansinoh Double Electric Breast Pump is an efficient, affordable electric pump designed for everyday long term use at home or away. The patented system prevents milk back up in the tubing and pump. Dual independent controls for speed and suction allow for personal settings to simulate your baby's nursing pattern. This pump was used twice while we were in the states. We paid $150, will sell for $125 OBO. Please call 404-478-4616

Bicycles 220

Yokota, Japan - 2009 Cannondale 613 road bike. Size is 52cm, K-wing carbon fiber bars, triple front crank, and excellent condition. (Buyer will need pedals) $700.00 firm Please contact Gary @ 214-261-6325 or 080-4059-2674 Email gaj222@ymail.com

Yokota, Japan - 2009 Cannondale CAAD9-7 Blue 2009 Cannondale CAAD9-7. Size is 52cm, excellent condition. Just 4 months old with only a few rides on tires. Asking $600.00 firm Please contact Kevin @ 080-3351-8852 or pred1128@yahoo.com.

Yokota, Japan - 21 Speed Ladies' Schwinn Mountain Bike used once. Asking $90 OBO Please call 858-368-6909 or email pattito319@hotmail.com

Bicycles 220

Yokota, Japan - Kona stinky for sale. Not used to terribly much. Only went around 5 times last year, yet to go this year. Needs New seat if you care about the tears, other than that she's good to go. Also have a bike stand, and full body armor (upper part never used) for additional cost. Asking $650 Please call 080-3755-3434 or email grant@flsimages.com

Books 250

Yokota, Japan - Need PSYC100A book ASAP (3rd Edition) Looking for Psychology: A Journey (3rd ED.) Please let me know ASAP. Price negotiable Please call 323-345-6970 Thanks!

Yokota, Japan - Project Management Fifth Edition Information Technology by Kathy Schwalbe. Asking $40 call Sean 080-3511-6553

Clothing 320

WANTED: worn out ACU's, DCU's, or BDU. I am a Army Reservist ID card holder. Prefer FREE, will pay small amount. Please MPS. For sewing project. Thank you! sy@cprompt.us 206-388-2947 VoIP stateside number.

Yokota, Japan - Cowboys boot (Western boot) Used cowboys boot in AAA grade in mix size for men and women sold at $15.00 a pair in mix order of 25 pair Tel 514 333 0510

Yokota, Japan - HUGE bag filled w/ girl clothes & shoes great way to save a lot of money my daughter has cleaned out her closets and has put together a huge, heavy bag of clothes and shoes she has outgrown. There are clothes for every season, including p.j's. Name brands: Limited Too, Levi's, Union Bay, vans, Nike, Adidas, and many more. Sizes for clothes range from 10/12, 12/14, some 14/16, Shoe sizes start at 6. This huge, heavy bag filled w/ great clothes and shoes is priced to sell now. For the whole bag, my daughter is asking $30. There are lot of nice clothes and shoes. Must go now please call Angela 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Wilton Character Pans for Sale! I am spring cleaning and would like to move some of my inventory. I have the following cake pans for sale at $5 each or $40 for the whole lot: Dora, Elmo, SpongeBob, Blue's Clues, Scooby Doo, Tweety Bird, Suzy Q, Power Puff Girls, Ragedy Ann, Power Rangers, Jack-o-Lantern, Easter Bunny Please let me know if you're interested. First come first serve. Please call 773-634-7741

Computers 360

Yokota, Japan - computer monitor 16" monitor asking $30 Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - 640 GB External Hard Drive Paid $100 for... please email with any questions. Asking $80 Please email gregg.matthew@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 8G Pro Duo Memory Stick, Adapter and USB Reader Brand New SanDisk 8G Pro Duo Memory Stick, Memory Stick Duo Adapter and USB Card Reader. This can be used for Memory Stick Pro or Memory Stick Pro Duo and also good for PSP1000, 2000 and 3000. Asking $40 OBO Please call 090-9825-3805

Yokota, Japan - brand new hard drive our hard drive crashed about 2 months ago, so we called HP and got a brand new one. However, due to the slow pace of mail, it took about 2 1.2 months to get here. So, we decided to just go to the BX and buy one. Well, today, we got the hard drive HP sent to us. We are not in any more need of it. It's brand new, still in the wrap paid $92.00 for the same exact one at the bx. Seagate internal desktop hard drive call 702-946-6079 500GB 7200RPM Sata asking $70 Please email rkjnsingleton@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - HP Pavilion Dv1000 14.1 widescreen display Windows XP sp2 1.6ghz processor 2gb RAM 160gb internal Hard Drive 80gb External Hard Drive Two batteries (one 3Cell other 6Cell) Alto Cordless Notebook stand and wireless Keyboard Belkin 15N1 Media Reader/writer USB 2.0 Targus wireless mouse Logitech Webcam HP laptop bag Preinstalled software Microsoft Office 7, Photoshop 7, Fast stone image viewer And more Asking $ 500 OBO Please email jarodhodge915@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - old school computer games aliens VS predator (gold edition) Ground control unreal tournament mech. warrior 3 Your don't know Jack (movies, TV) aliens VS predator2 urban chaos Project I'm going in (IGI) 10 bucks a game Asking $10 Please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Red Apple Mac book items / IPod items absolutely nothing wrong w/ anything. We have to start downsizing now! Extra Apple Mac book "white color" battery only I kept the box it came in. Paid $130 asking $65 See-thru hard shell cover to protect a 13" Macbook. Was my sons/he changed colors/doesn't need this one. We paid $50. Asking $10 I kept orig. box--only used the cord other item never used-apple USB power adapter set. Asking $15 I luv dual docking station alarm clock set w/ remote. I have the box. Exc. Shape. $65 Contact 916-473-4488

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Computers 360

Yokota, Japan - Samsung 19" LCD Monitor & Swivel/Tilt Wall Gently used black 19" LCD monitor by Samsung. I'm including a Wall bracket that swivels & tilts, perfect match for the monitor. Have to sell because I don't have a desktop anymore. Asking $140 OBO Please call 080-4141-5252

Zama - Dell Dimension 8300 desktop. Great computer purchased in 2005. Runs like a champ. MS Office 2007 and Windows XP installed. Symantec Anti-virus w/o expiration, plus too much more to list. Includes wireless mouse & keyboard, Wireless adapter for networks. Flatscreen monitor. (only selling because we don't have room for a desktop) $300 OBO. Call for more information-263-8258.

Crafts/Hobbies 380

Yokota, Japan - must go immediately-tons of scrapbooking must sell immediately b 4 I leave! I have put together tons of bags filled w/ great scrapbooking items (most I purchased online). You name it, it's probably here. Jolie's boutique, Karen Foster, Adorn it by Carole's creations, creative imaginations, Bo bunny, die cuts w/ view, making memories, k & company, and many, many more. (Christmas Holiday/snow boarder themed, love/marriage, summer, 4th of July, friendships, sleepovers, baby boy, boy, baby girl, girl, Halloween/fall, camping, pool/beach/swim, k-8th grade, 9th - graduation, movies, birthday, Easter, spring, travel, Disney, & So much more. there is a lot here. bundled up in bags by themes (some have lettering in them, brads, thicker, you name it!). start at $5 - $20 please call 916-473-4488

Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - I have a china cabinet, it is 2 sections has a light looks great. Asking $150 Please call 090-907-3269

Furniture 510

Negishi, Japan - Black oval coffee table for sale $125.00 or best offer. Large, glass top, shelf on bottom. Oriental design, got at bazaar. phone-08041281319.

Yokota, Japan - 2 bar stools for sale! $45 we moved here and, unfortunately, no longer have room or a purpose for them. Please contact Terrence at 090-6301-4553. Asking $45 Please call 090-6301-4553

Yokota, Japan - Brand new in box! Flat Screen TV Stand Brand new that fits up to a 40in Flat Screen TV! 3 layer shelves, nice glossy black color with black glass shelves. Must sell because I upgraded my TV and it will not fit! Asking $200 OBO Please free to call or email. 080-3703-3938 or christopher.sanchez@yokota.af.mil

Yokota, Japan - Entertainment Center & 25in TV Older Entertainment Center Great Condition Must coordinate Delivery! FREE, FREEE Please call 08050923152

Yokota, Japan - IKEA coffee table for sale! $40.we moved here and no longer room for it. Original price was $135. Please call 090-6301-4553

Yokota, Japan - Rosewood Corner Bar w/ 2 Stools from Eastwood Trading Company, Dragon Design. 2 stools and pull out bar. Asking $1500 Please email lily_481@hotmail.com or call 314-558-3409

Yokota, Japan - Rosewood Entertainment Center from Eastwood Trading Company. Dragon Design, beveled glass Entertainment Center extendable to fit a TV up to 61inches. Asking $1500 Please email or call 314-558-3409

Yokota, Japan - Rosewood Grandfather Clock w/ German Movements Rosewood dragon design all clock movements, with dancers especially made from Germany. Asking $3000 Please e-mail lily_481@hotmail.com or call 314-558-3409

Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - Rosewood Telephone Chair from Eastwood Trading Company. Double Happiness Design with glass top. Asking $600 Please email lily_481@hotmail.com or call 314-558-3409

Yokota, Japan - SERTA Queen size bed pillow top, only 6 mos. old, hardly used, look as new. Bought $899 from BX Call 323-338-7534 or email if interested Asking $450

Yokota, Japan - Wanted: oak bed or Bedroom Set ASAP We are looking for a full or queen size Oak Headboard Unit OR Bedroom Set ASAP. (We do not need the mattress). Our children are growing out of there Twin Size Oak Pedestal based beds fast, and we really need to upgrade them. Thank you for your time. If we are not home, please leave your name w/ a good contact number so we may return your call 916-473-4488 Angela.

Zama - Sofa for sale. 4 Piece Leather Sectional. Brown. $900 OBO - Will deliver within Kanto Plain. Call 090-3697-0187.

Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokota, Japan - air purifier Holmes brand Works great! Asking $75 Please call Sean 080-3511-6553

Yokota, Japan - De-Humidifier Roper by Whirlpool. Works GREAT! Asking $75 call Sean 080-3511-6553

Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokota, Japan - Hoover Steam Vacuum LS Edition Patented Spin Scrub brushes work together to scrub carpet fibers on all sides - gently loosening dirt Heated Cleaning applies heat directly to the floor Separate clean and dirty water tanks means you never put dirty water back down on your floors Powered Hand Tool allows you to get tough stains off of stairs, upholstery, and furniture Finger-tip solution control allows you to manage solution output for tough stains Easily accessible toe-operated on/off switch - eliminates bending! Front-mounted scrub module for cleaning bathrooms, tile and porcelain works great! Asking $75 Please call Sean 080-3511-6553

Yokota, Japan - must go-Honeywell fans w/ built-in air cleaners absolutely nothing wrong w/ these! I kept them very clean. I kept the manuals to them as well. I purchased these in the states about a year and a half ago. Only selling because we must downsize what we have!! These are really nice Honeywell "black color" fans w/ remotes that also have built-in flashlights. This is a great way to circulate the air in your home, so it's not so stuffy. These fans offer lots of other options. another "plus" about these fans-they have built-in air cleaners-no extra $$ to replace filters-have a fan & air cleaner in one, takes up less space!! Asking $40 each (I have 3--we had 1 in each room upstairs to help circulate the air all year round.) contact Angela 916-473-4488

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - Must Go-Canvas Closet Hanging Organizer-2 nothing wrong w/ these! They are in exc. condition-machine washable as well. Only selling because we must down size now - Set of 2-Canvas Garment Bags w/ Cedar Inserts. These are natural-Khaki/cream trim in color--has hanger hooks at top to hang in closet-I bought these at BBB. Great to use in a downstairs closet or bedroom closet-organize suits, dresses, coats, seasonal clothing, etc. WE used them to hang all of our "winter" clothing in summer/no wrinkles, vice-versa. Plus, we used one to hang coats in downstairs closet. Great way to organize a closet, & create more space, I am asking $30 for the set of 2. These are really nice. The removable cedar inserts were great to have as well. Please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Must go-front door Japanese/American sign exc. Shape only selling because we need to downsize what we have now. I bought this at a bazaar a while back and paid $60. I am asking $30. You can hang this sign on your front door, or wall, or get a stand and put it on a desk/counter. It has Mount Fuji, Japanese man, etc. on it. The sign reads "this is an American style home run Japanese style. Please take off your shoes and stay awhile." it's really nice. I kept it very clean. So sorry, I do not have pictures. Please call me 916-473-4488 to see in person. Thank you.

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - 27in TV selling. Don't have the remote for it. Works fine just don't need I can take it to your house if needed asking $25 Please email yokotaads123@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Konka 32in Flat Screen Television Silver in color 32in flat screen television Works completely fine nothing wrong with it. I just upgraded. Not an LCD TV just a flat screen $100 firm Call 81-3200-9312

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - DJ SET + sera to scratch live beginners DJ set comes with 2numark tt1600 belt drive turntables/2 needles, 1 Stanton m.202 mixer, and 1 JVC headset. Also included is a range serum to scratch live still new and in the box perfect for using old skool turntables setup for new skool technology. setup comes with all cables and if you are a aspiring DJ then this is the perfect setup to begin with also if you don't know scratch live allows you to mix music straight from your computer with any turntables and still have that original sound and feel. And as a bonus I will through in a soundcard so that you can record what you mix! All for a low price of $400. And if you are a beginner and need help I will also show you how to set everything up correctly. Asking $400 Please call 1-954-381-3971 state or email johnortizalready@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - ESPN Game Station The active fun of six different sports, including football, basketball, baseball, soccer, golf and hockey. Excellent conditions with Owner's Manual Asking 75 OBO please call 314-558-3453 or email hworth1@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Fender 2x12 Combo Amp 1 year old. 212 DSP combo amp features 16 amp models and 16 DSP effects per channel (including reverb, delay, chorus, tremolo, flanging, Vibrations and combinations). 100W power section with 2 special design 12" speakers, 2 independent channels with duplicate controls 16 amp types per channel 16 effects types per channel included footswitch for channel selection and effects on/off Head phone output. Pre-amp out and power amp in asking $200 OBO Please call 090-6182-0119 or email mttjrdn@yahoo.com

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - Karaoke System Bought from BX in March. Have used it twice, maybe even once... Has a book of 2,100 songs, 1 microphone, a stand, and the handbook full of songs. Also, comes in a leather case. It hooks directly into the TV Easy hook-up and easy to use. Paid 249.99 asking $120 OBO Please email rkjnsingleton@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - MUST GO NOW-iLuv Clock/dual docking station absolutely nothing wrong we have to downsize now, & we don't need 2 of these anymore! It's in excellent condition. We kept the orig. box, everything it came with. "black color" iluv "double play"-imm173 (has dual docking station to charge IPod / I Phone-remote control bright control I CD large clock display-am/fm radio-alarm many more great features. paid $150. asking $65 must downsize now. contact 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - must sell-Sony CD Boom box/IPod dock absolutely nothing wrong w/ this!! It was kept very clean. We also kept the orig. box/paperwork/etc. my son is cleaning out his room now, & says he no longer wants it. This is really nice!! It's a "white color" Sony CD boom box w/ built-in apple IPod universal docking station w/ remote. I like the fact you could either play music CD's or listen to an IPod while it was charging. You can either carry it from room-room using batteries, or, you can plug it in. it also has am/fm radio, 30 station preset, & many more great features. It sounds really clear as well. My son is only asking $60. Please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Sabre DVD Player brand new, in box. Received as a gift, but never used b/c we have a blue-ray player. Color-black comes with remote and batteries asking $15 Email Melissa mking02@hotmail.com

Jewelry 610

Yokota, Japan - Must Go-Bag of Jewelry / G-Shock Watch My son wants to sell his G-Shock watch. I kept the manual it came with. It has a Velcro military camo wrist band, & lots of cool features. We paid $80. My son is asking $30. I put a small bag together of MISC. Jewelry that I never wear anymore. Necklaces, earrings, maybe a ring or two, $20 for the whole bag Contact Angela 916-473-4488

Musical Instruments 740

Yokota, Japan - Ernie Ball Music man Stingray Bass Professionally played on the road and in the studio. Black w/black picks guard. In perfect condition with Original custom case Massive hum bucker pickups with 3-band active preamp. Hard maple body and custom blonde Maple neck, Schaller tapered-post tuners. With Volume, treble, bass controls. I paid $1500 dollars for this bass a few years ago. Come play it and see what you think. I'm willing to barter. Also below is a picture of the Hard shell Case with a different color stingray bass. The bass I'm holding on stage, is the exact bass I'm selling. Asking $ 875 OBO call 090-6182-0119 or email mttjrdn@yahoo.com

Outdoor Living 775

Yokota, Japan - 800 Watt Power Supply BFG Power Supply first reasonable offer takes it. Please email gregg.matthew@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Large size plastic outdoor storage shed needed! Please call Bryan at 313-347-1031. Price negotiable!

Pets 820

SHA/ZAMA - free cat to good home. 3 year old black and white male japanese tabby. up to date on all shots. if interested get ahold of patricia/CJ Wittsell @ 267-6329 / puertobaby87@yahoo.com

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NFL exhibition

Cutler leads Bears over Broncos in Denver return

BY PAT GRAHAM
The Associated Press

DENVER — Heckled and harassed by a hostile crowd, Jay Cutler silenced the jeers the best way he knew how — with his powerful right arm.

The Chicago quarterback played the role of villain to perfection in his return to Invesco Field, leading the Bears to a 27-17 victory over the Denver Broncos on Sunday night.

Cutler had a very public spat with new Broncos coach Josh McDaniels after Cutler decided he didn't want to play for him anymore. The rift came to a halt on April 2, when the Broncos dealt Cutler to Chicago for Kyle Orton and a handful of picks.

Now, Cutler is more interested in putting the past behind him.

The crowd, though, wasn't about to let him forget, taunting him the entire game.

"We knew coming into this it was going to be a hostile environment, which was good," said Cutler, who threw for 144 yards and a touchdown. "It's good preparation for us."

The louder he was booed, the more he bore down. That's what running back Matt Forte noticed in the huddle.

"He was calm, and kept everyone else calm," Forte said.

After Cutler led the Bears on a 12-play, 98-yard drive just before halftime, he pumped his fist in exhilaration, almost a "take that" sort of gesture.

Meanwhile, the Broncos are searching for answers for their lackluster offense. They lost Orton after he cut his right index finger on a helmet.

Orton immediately looked down at his bloody finger, showed it to the sideline and then trotted off the field. He was taken to the locker room, his night finished.

As for how long he might be out, McDaniels wouldn't elaborate, saying only "I'm not going to talk about that or the extent of it yet."

STRIPES CLASSIFIED

Pets 820

Misawa, Japan - Free Cat to Good Home - I need to find a home for a cat. He is a lovable animal, his owner PCS'ed and was left here. He comes with everything you will need, litter box, food and water dish. His name is lion or if you are interested please give me a call 080-3181-556 or email me elaina.sellon@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Japanese Bobtail Cat Beautiful white cat with tabby spots is looking for a home! He was a stray that was picked up and living at Pet Boarding. After several weeks in foster care he has turned into a fantastic, friendly cat. Now he just needs you to take him home and give him a forever home. Asking $50 Please contact 443-524-6433

Photography 830

Yokota, Japan - must go now-light blue Canon Camera there is absolutely nothing wrong w/ this camera! It was my daughter's. she upgraded, & no longer needs this one. It was purchased in Dec. we kept the orig. box, everything it came w/, etc. it's all in exc. condition, kept very clean. The SD card it came w/ is still sealed up-brand new. Plus, we are including another 1 GB SD card (2 SD cards total). This would make a great gift, first camera, or extra camera. The picture comes out clear. It's very simple to use as well. It's a canon power shot e1-light blue, 10mega pixels, 4x optical zoom, optical image stabilizer, large l CD screen, face detection, Digital III, red eye correction, movie mode, easy mode, & many more great features. We paid $180. My daughter is asking $85. Great deal! Contact 916-473-4488

Toys 945

Yokota, Japan - Toy chest/trunk have a blue top, tan bottomed toy chest that's 2ft wide by like 3ft long. Plastic asking $ 15 bucks please email meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - AB Lounge Ultra This is the ultimate abdominal machine! This great machine elicits more muscle activity in the upper and lower abdominals, plus the love handles. It also folds down small enough to fit under your bed. Please email me if interested. Paid $134.99 new asking $80 OBO Please email gregg.matthew@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - keep fit I have a step-master, not to big, easy to fit any place. Asking $50 Please call 0909073269

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - Brand New and never worn SPYDER Snowboarding Jacket and Pant set. Both are XL and will fit a person that is 6'1". The pant has suspenders with them that are detachable and the jacket has a hood and the arm is removable by zipper. Top of the line suit. I bought these last year and then got deployed and now PCS'ing to Guam for 4 years. Paid over $200 and willing to part for $150. Call 407-373-1342 or email owner@trandell.com

Yokota, Japan - Fitness Bike - Pro Form 240S, $50 OBO We've owned this bike for a little while now and have no more room for it in our house. Bike is in great shape, except for a scratch on the main frame of the bike and a few 'dings' on the seat. Only needs two double batteries - great for exercising at home! Works great! MUST GO ASAP! Please call 425-274-4375 or email eddierozzi@rocketmail.com

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - Must go-decorative bowling ball w/ bag set must downsize!! Nothing wrong, we just have to clear out. We have had this set for several years now. We bought the bowling ball in the states years ago, but are still in exc. shape--it has an "Americana theme w/ a bird on it"-8 LBS-the holes can be "re-drilled at the bowling alley". Plus, we are also including a really nice, rolling, Columbia bowling ball bag w/ lots of storage for ball, shoes, etc. The bag is in exc. shape & looks brand new. This is a really nice set. Priced to sell immediately--both ball and bag $35. Price low set contact 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - New Ignio Snowboarding Goggles - color Black and Size LG asking $20 Please call 407-373-1342 or email owner@trandell.com

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - New SPYDER Snowboarding Gloves size XL Bought last year and got deployed and now PCS'ing to Guam. Selling for $30 call 407-373-1342 or email owner@trandell.com

Yokota, Japan - Nike SUMO2 SQ Tour Driver-XS-For Sale would like to switch to a different style Driver. In Great shape, upgraded shaft to an X-Stiff, if you want the original shaft it is a Stiff Flex Adela Shaft. Will send you pictures of it or if you would like to stop by and see just call or email. Thanks for viewing my ad have a great day or night. Please call 1-512-275-4906 or email mmathis126@yahoo.com will post pictures when I can figure out how.

Yokota, Japan - treadmill for sale! $150.00 simplicity by Athalon treadmill for Sale! We moved here and no longer have room for it. Works Great! Asking price $150 Please call 090-6301-4553

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - NWT VANS Snowboarding Boots and Flow Bindings Vans Danny Kass 5 Snowboarding Boots - Size 14 2008 Flow Team All-Mountain/Freestyle Snowboard Bindings Both is brand New and never used. Bought last year and the got deployed and now PCS'ing to Guam in Nov for 4 yrs paid over $500 and will to part for $400 call 407-373-1342 or email owner@trandell.com

Miscellaneous 1040

Misawa, Japan - For Sale: Treadmill and Nintendo Wii - I have a treadmill and Nintendo Wii for sale they are both in good shape and rarely used. The treadmill going for $400 and I will sell the Nintendo Wii for $400 it has Wii fitness with it and comes with some games and two controllers. So please if you would like any of this please email me or call 6163983! Audra Sallis

Miscellaneous 1040

Yokota, Japan - Friends Complete Season DVD Sets! Seasons 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 in original 4 DVD set cases! Price has come down! Everybody loves Friends right?! Start or even finish your friend's collection here! For sale per season or all together $10.00/season call 090-3817-8658 or email daphneandjon@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Suitcase set-priced 2 sell immediately this is a 3 piece suitcase set. Great size for small trips TDY's, etc. 2 of the pieces have wheels on them, while the other is a carry-on. All matching, all in exc. condition-2 of the pieces were never used still have tags on them the bigger one was used 1 time. There's nothing wrong w/ any of it, we just have to downsize, and we do not need any more suitcases or bags. Priced to sell now 3 piece set $45 Contact Angela 916-473-4488

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL Preview

STARS AND STRIPES
kicks off the college football season all week.

Check out your favorite teams, players, conference rivalries, Top 25, BCS predictions, and game schedules.

This Tuesday through Saturday, September 1-5

SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—NFL exhibition: Minnesota at Houston (dld).

Wednesday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—Tennis: U.S. Open, Day 2.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—Tennis: U.S. Open, Day 2.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—MLB: Chicago White Sox at Minnesota.
AFN-Xtra, noon—MLB: L.A. Angels at Seattle (joined in progress).
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: Boston at Tampa Bay (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—MLB: Milwaukee at St. Louis (dld).

Thursday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—Tennis: U.S. Open, Day 3.
AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.—MLB: Boston at Tampa Bay.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—Tennis: U.S. Open, Day 3.
AFN-Sports, 11 a.m.—MLB: Arizona at L.A. Dodgers.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: San Francisco at Philadelphia (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—MLB: Atlanta at Florida (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Pro football

NFL exhibition

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Miami	3	0	0	1.000	49	32
New England	2	1	0	.667	60	56
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	70	72
Buffalo	1	3	0	.250	66	89
South						
Tennessee	2	2	0	.500	75	91
Houston	1	1	0	.500	30	48
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	42	46
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	65	68
North						
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	64	36
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	50	44
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	50	27
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	35	47
West						
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	58	76
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	55	53
Denver	0	3	0	.000	46	71
Kansas City	0	3	0	.000	33	47
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	53	61
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	52	61
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	73	82
Washington	1	2	0	.333	41	63
South						
New Orleans	3	0	0	1.000	100	28
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	73	64
Tampa Bay	1	2	0	.333	50	60
Carolina	0	3	0	.000	47	68
North						
Green Bay	3	0	0	1.000	92	58
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	30	16
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	64	47
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	55	70
West						
San Francisco	3	0	0	1.000	58	49
Seattle	3	0	0	1.000	61	37
St. Louis	2	1	0	.667	60	61
Arizona	0	3	0	.000	53	81

Thursday's games
Philadelphia 33, Jacksonville 32
St. Louis 24, Cincinnati 21
Miami 10, Tampa Bay 6
Friday's games
New England 27, Washington 24
Green Bay 44, Arizona 37
Saturday's games
Detroit 18, Indianapolis 17
New Orleans 45, Oakland 7
Pittsburgh 17, Buffalo 0
Cleveland 23, Tennessee 17
Atlanta 27, San Diego 24
N.Y. Jets 27, N.Y. Giants 25
San Francisco 20, Dallas 13
Seattle 14, Kansas City 10
Baltimore 17, Carolina 13
Sunday's game
Chicago 27, Denver 17
Monday's game
Minnesota at Houston
Thursday, Sept. 3
Detroit at Buffalo
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets
Baltimore at Atlanta
Indianapolis at Cincinnati
N.Y. Giants at New England
Washington at Jacksonville
Cleveland at Chicago
Green Bay at Tennessee
Kansas City at St. Louis
Miami at New Orleans
Pittsburgh at Carolina
Arizona at Denver
Oakland at Seattle
Friday, Sept. 4
Houston at Tampa Bay
Dallas at Minnesota
San Francisco at San Diego

NFL calendar

Sept. 5 — Roster cutdown to maximum of 53 players.
Sept. 10 — Season opener.
Oct. 12-13 — Fall owners meeting, Boston.

Deals

Sunday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Purchased the contract of RHP Paul Byrd from Pawtucket (IL). Optioned RHP Marcus McBeth to Pawtucket.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Traded RHP Luis Garcia and a player to be named to Washington for INF Ronnie Belliard.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Released DT Jason Jefferson, DT Tywain Myles and LS Robert Shiver.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed OT Andre Smith.
NEW YORK JETS—Waived LB Craig Kobel, S Nate Ness, QB Chris Pizzotti and WR Huey Whittaker.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—waived DT Kevin Brown, FB Dan Curran, LB Shane Simmons and TE John Tereshinski.
COLLEGE
INDIANA—Suspended DT Deonte Mack and LB Ian Reeves one game for violating team rules.

Pro basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	20	8	.714	—
Atlanta	15	14	.517	5½
Washington	14	1	.483	6½
Chicago	14	16	.467	7
Connecticut	14	16	.467	7
Detroit	13	15	.464	7
New York	12	17	.414	8½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Phoenix	20	9	.690	—
Seattle	18	11	.621	2
Los Angeles	15	14	.517	5
Minnesota	12	17	.414	8
San Antonio	12	17	.414	8
Sacramento	10	20	.333	10½

Saturday's games
San Antonio 100, Detroit 88, OT
Sacramento 79, Indiana 78
Seattle 91, Atlanta 84, 2OT
Phoenix 95, Connecticut 84
Sunday's games
New York 77, Chicago 63
Washington 81, Minnesota 75
Los Angeles 91, Connecticut 81
Monday's games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's games
Seattle at New York
Phoenix at Detroit
Minnesota at San Antonio
Connecticut at Sacramento
Atlanta at Los Angeles

Golf

The Barclays

PGA Tour FedEx Cup
Sunday
At Liberty National Golf Club
Jersey City, N.J.
Purse: $7.5 million
Yardage: 7,419; Par: 71

H. Slocum, $1,350,000	66-72-70-67—275	-9
Ernie Els, $495,000	72-68-70-66—276	-8
P. Harrington, $495,000	67-75-67-67—276	-8
Tiger Woods, $495,000	70-72-67-67—276	-8
S. Stricker, $495,000	69-70-68-69—276	-8
Nick Watney, $260,625	68-73-69-67—277	-7
F. Jacobson, $260,625	66-72-68-71—277	-7
W. Simpson, $232,500	66-68-72-72—278	-6
S. Verplank, $202,500	73-70-68-68—279	-5
Ian Poulter, $202,500	67-72-70-70—279	-5
Paul Goydos, $202,500	65-71-68-75—279	-5
B. Snedeker, $157,500	72-75-67-66—280	-4
Brian Gay, $157,500	70-72-71-67—280	-4
Jason Day, $157,500	70-73-70-67—280	-4
D. Johnson, $120,000	70-74-73-64—281	-3
R. Allenby, $120,000	68-75-69-69—281	-3
Jim Furyk, $120,000	69-73-70-69—281	-3
Greg Owen, $120,000	71-74-65-71—281	-3
Steve Marino, $120,000	65-71-68-77—281	-3
Lee Janzen, $87,375	68-75-70-69—282	-2
Hunter Mahan, $87,375	72-72-68-70—282	-2
Troy Matteson, $87,375	71-71-69-71—282	-2
Y.E. Yang, $87,375	71-72-68-71—282	-2
Kevin Na, $63,938	73-72-71-67—283	-1
Jonathan Byrd, $63,938	72-74-67-70—283	-1
Tim Clark, $63,938	71-70-71-71—283	-1
Bill Haas, $63,938	72-70-69-72—283	-1

Safeway Classic

LPGA Tour
Sunday
At Pumpkin Ridge GC, Ghost Creek Course
North Plains, Ore.
Purse: $1.7 million
Yardage: 6,546; Par 72
Final
(x-won on second hole of playoff)

x-M.J. Hur $255,000	69-69-65—203	-13
S. Pettersen $136,465	68-68-67—203	-13
M. Redman $136,465	67-69-67—203	-13
Michelle Wie $72,891	68-71-66—205	-11
Ai Miyazato $72,891	67-68-70—205	-11
Seon Hwa Lee $72,891	65-70-70—205	-11
Anna Nordqvist $48,931	65-69-72—206	-10

Boeing Classic

Champions Tour
Sunday
At TPC Snoqualmie Ridge
Snoqualmie, Wash.
Purse: $1.8 million
Yardage: 7,192; Par 72
Final

L. Roberts, $270,000	68-65-65—198	-18
Mark O'Meara, $158,400	66-69-64—199	-17
Dan Forsman, $118,800	69-67-66—202	-14
B. Langer, $118,800	69-66-67—202	-14
Hal Sutton, $86,400	71-70-63—204	-12
Craig Stadler, $72,000	70-66-69—205	-11
Mark James, $64,800	71-69-67—207	-9
Mark McNulty, $57,600	68-65-75—208	-8

Pro soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	10	4	9	39	34	25
Chicago	10	6	8	38	33	28
New England	9	6	6	33	26	26
D.C.	7	5	11	32	35	34
Toronto FC	8	8	7	31	30	33
Kansas City	5	10	6	21	20	29
New York	4	16	4	16	20	41
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Houston	11	7	7	40	31	22
Los Angeles	9	4	11	38	28	23
Seattle	8	6	10	34	29	23
Colorado	9	7	6	33	35	27
Real Salt Lake	9	9	6	33	35	27
Chivas USA	10	9	3	33	23	24
FC Dallas	6	11	5	23	31	35
San Jose	5	12	5	20	27	40

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
Wednesday's game
Real Salt Lake 4, Chivas USA 0
Saturday's games
Seattle FC 0, Toronto FC 0, tie
New England 2, San Jose 1
D.C. United 1, Chicago 0
Real Salt Lake 1, Kansas City 0
Los Angeles 1, Chivas USA 0
Sunday's games
Colorado 1, Houston 0
New York 1, Columbus 0
Saturday, September 5
Kansas City at New England
D.C. United at FC Dallas
Toronto FC at Colorado

Sunday
Rapids 1, Dynamo 0

Houston	**0**	**0—0**
Colorado	**0**	**1—1**

Second half—1, Colorado, Baudet 1 (Ballouchy), 55th minute.
Goalies—Houston, Pat Onstad; Colorado, Matt Pickens.
Yellow Cards—Harvey, Colorado, 42nd; Mastroeni, Colorado, 64th; Landin, Houston, 72nd; Casey, Colorado, 92nd+.
Red Cards—Davis, Houston, 86th.
A—10,897 (18,086)

Red Bulls 1, Crew 0

Columbus	**0**	**0—0**
New York	**0**	**1—1**

Second half—1, New York, Richards 3, 63rd minute.
Goalies—Columbus, Andy Gruenebaum; New York, Bouna Coundoul.
Yellow Cards—Ekpo, Columbus, 36th; Borman, New York, 46th+; Ubiparipovic, New York, 53rd; Hejduk, Columbus, 63rd; Johnson, New York, 72nd; Brunner, Columbus, 83rd.
A—10,323 (26,500)

Little League

World Series

At South Williamsport, Pa.
Monday, Aug. 24
Reynosa, Mexico 13, Ramstein AFB, Germany 0, 4 innings
Chiba City, Japan 5, Maracaibo, Venezuela 4
Warner Robins, Ga. 3, Mercer Island, Wash. 2
Willemstad, Curacao 5, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia 3
Staten Island, N.Y. 8, Urbandale, Iowa 3
Tuesday, Aug. 25
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia 5, Maracaibo, Venezuela 3
Vancouver, British Columbia 14, Ramstein AFB, Germany 13
Peabody, Mass. 12, Russellville, Ky. 3
Reynosa, Mexico 3, Taoyuan, Taiwan 1
San Antonio 6, Chula Vista, Calif. 3
SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, Aug. 26
At Lamade Stadium
International
Reynosa, Mexico 6, Chiba City, Japan 0
United States
San Antonio 4, Staten Island, N.Y. 1
Thursday, Aug. 27
International
Taoyuan, Taiwan 5, Willemstad, Curacao 2
United States
Chula Vista, Calif. 11, Warner Robins, Ga. 10
Saturday, Aug. 29
International
Taoyuan, Taiwan 9, Reynosa, Mexico 4
United States
Chula Vista, Calif. 12, San Antonio 2
Sunday, Aug. 30
Third Place
At Volunteer Stadium
Reynosa, Mexico 5, San Antonio 4
World Championship
At Lamade Stadium
Chula Vista, Calif. 6, Taoyuan, Taiwan 3

Tennis

U.S. Open

Monday
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Purse: $21.6 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round
Marco Chiudinelli, Switzerland, def. Potito Starace, Italy, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (2), 6-0.
Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu (26), France, 2-6, 7-5, 6-0, 6-2.
Robin Soderling (12), Sweden, def. Albert Montanes, Spain, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Nikolay Davydenko (8), Russia, def. Dieter Kindlmann, Germany, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 2-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.
Jan Hernych, Czech Republic, def. Rainer Schuettler, Germany, 1-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Peter Polansky, Canada, 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 6-1.
Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Devin Britton, United States, 6-1, 6-3, 7-5.
Simon Greul, Germany, def. Giovanni Lapentti, Ecuador, 6-3, 4-6, 3-6, 6-0, 7-6 (9).
John Isner, United States, def. Victor Hanescu (28), Romania, 6-1, 7-6 (14), 7-6 (5).
Tommy Robredo (14), Spain, def. Donald Young, United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Women
First Round
Vania King, United States, def. Anastasiya Yakimova, Belarus, 2-1, retired.
Agnieszka Radwanska (12), Poland, def. Patricia Mayr, Austria, 6-1, 6-2.
Victoria Azarenka (8), Belarus, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, 6-1, 6-1.
Kim Clijsters, Belgium, def. Viktoriya Kutuzova, Ukraine, 6-1, 6-1.
Maria Kirilenko, Russia, def. Mariya Koryttseva, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-1.
Francesca Schiavone (26), Italy, def. Yvonne Meusburger, Austria, 6-1, 6-2.
Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, 6-7 (10), 6-1, 6-3.
Samantha Stosur (15), Australia, def. Ai Sugiyama, Japan, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.
Aleksandra Wozniak, Canada, def. Laura Granville, United States, 6-1, 7-6 (7).
Marion Bartoli (14), France, def. Rossana de Los Rios, Paraguay, 6-1, 6-0.

Auto racing

NAPA Auto Parts 200

NASCAR Nationwide Series
Sunday
At Circuit Gilles Villeneuve
Montreal, Canada
Lap length: 2.709 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (2) Carl Edwards, Ford, 76 laps, 112.1 rating, 190 points, $104,070.
2. (1) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 76, 128.4, 180, $72,600.
3. (9) Andrew Ranger, Toyota, 76, 107.3, 170, $63,643.
4. (6) Jacques Villeneuve, Toyota, 76, 104.6, 165, $52,543.
5. (19) Brad Keselowski, Chevrolet, 76, 79.9, 155, $47,293.
6. (33) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, 76, 87.5, 150, $48,268.
7. (16) Jean-Francois Dumoulin, Chevrolet, 76, 79.4, 146, $37,475.
8. (11) Stephen Leicht, Chevrolet, 76, 103.3, 142, $42,718.
9. (17) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 76, 75.8, 138, $43,418.
10. (12) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 76, 94.4, 134, $35,575.
11. (32) Michael McDowell, Dodge, 76, 92.9, 130, $34,500.
12. (29) Erik Darnell, Ford, 76, 57, 127, $40,593.
13. (8) Antonio Perez, Dodge, 76, 74.9, 124, $34,225.
14. (36) Victor Gonzalez Jr., Ford, 76, 68.4, 121, $33,700.
15. (10) Paul Menard, Ford, 76, 95.7, 118, $33,975.
16. (13) Steve Wallace, Chevrolet, 76, 81.1, 115, $40,168.
17. (38) Kenny Wallace, Chevrolet, 76, 81.5, 112, $40,193.
18. (31) Michael Annett, Toyota, 76, 65.2, 109, $39,643.
19. (30) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 76, 64.4, 106, $39,518.
20. (28) Max Papis, Chevrolet, 76, 85.9, 103, $40,243.
21. (37) Brett Rowe, Chevrolet, 76, 40.4, 100, $32,875.
22. (41) Eric McClure, Ford, 76, 44.5, 97, $39,293.
23. (21) Jason Keller, Ford, 76, 82.8, 94, $39,643.
24. (34) Stanton Barrett, Chevrolet, 76, 44.7, 91, $32,700.
25. (4) Boris Said, Ford, 76, 82.2, 88, $32,800.
26. (23) Alex Tagliani, Dodge, 76, 71.1, 85, $39,073.
27. (18) J.R. Fitzpatrick, Chevrolet, 75, 83.4, 82, $39,018.
28. (5) Brad Coleman, Toyota, accident, 72, 84.8, 79, $38,973.
29. (22) Jason Leffler, Toyota, accident, 70, 81.9, 76, $38,938.
30. (7) Justin Marks, Toyota, accident, 70, 75.6, 73, $39,203.
31. (25) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 67, 36.9, 70, $38,843.
32. (24) D.J. Kennington, Ford, accident, 57, 58.6, 67, $38,808.
33. (26) Mark Green, Chevrolet, fuel pump, 39, 39.6, 64, $32,305.
34. (20) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, brakes, 30, 37.5, 61, $38,738.
35. (3) Ron Fellows, Chevrolet, accident, 26, 63.6, 58, $32,235.
36. (39) Justin Allgaier, Dodge, accident, 25, 47.7, 55, $38,668.
37. (14) Andy Lally, Chevrolet, brakes, 17, 66.8, 52, $32,160.
38. (40) Patrick Carpentier, Toyota, engine, 15, 63.6, 49, $38,573.
39. (43) Tony Ave, Chevrolet, brakes, 14, 36, 46, $32,070.
40. (15) Colin Braun, Ford, engine, 2, 37.4, 43, $38,428.
41. (27) Chris Cook, Chevrolet, brakes, 1, 34.9, 40, $31,875.
42. (42) Brian Keselowski, Dodge, brakes, 1, 33.3, 37, $31,815.
43. (35) Tom Hubert, Chevrolet, overheating, 0, 34.5, 34, $31,643.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 53.869 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 49 minutes, 19 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.393 seconds.
Caution Flags: 11 for 31 laps.
Lead Changes: 7 among 4 drivers.
Lap Leaders: M.Ambrose 1-7; C.Edwards8;M.Ambrose9-16;J.Villeneuve 17-19; C.Edwards 20; A.Ranger 21-30; M.Ambrose 31-75; C.Edwards 76.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): M.Ambrose, 3 times for 60 laps; A.Ranger, 1 time for 10 laps; C.Edwards, 3 times for 3 laps; J.Villeneuve, 1 time for 3 laps.
Driver Standings: 1. K.Busch, 4,034; 2. C.Edwards, 3,842; 3. Bra.Keselowski, 3,752; 4. J.Leffler, 3,429; 5. S.Wallace, 2,900; 6. J.Allgaier, 2,898; 7. J.Keller, 2,821; 8. B.Gaughan, 2,787; 9. M.Bliss, 2,774; 10. M.McDowell, 2,738.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

TANK MCNAMARA

NL roundup

Things are getting wild in the West

S.F. sweeps Colo. to claim a share of wild-card lead

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — In a matter of five days, the Colorado Rockies' playoff push took a big hit.

Edgar Renteria hit a go-ahead grand slam in the seventh inning and the San Francsico Giants pulled even with Colorado in the NL wild-card race with a 9-5 victory on Sunday, completing a three-game sweep.

The Rockies entered the series two games behind the first-place Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West and are now six back in the division. They lost their season-high fifth straight — all this after rallying each time to take three of four from the Giants last week in Denver.

"If you have ambitions of playing baseball in October, when you get knocked down you've got to stand back up," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said. "We got knocked down this weekend. Are we going to get back up?"

San Francisco swept the Rockies at home for the first time since April 8-10, 2005.

Renteria homered with two outs to overcome a 5-2 deficit, connecting two pitches after Rafael Betancourt (0-1) relieved Franklin Morales. Renteria hit his eighth career grand slam and second in two years off Betancourt.

BEN MARGOT/AP

San Francisco's Edgar Renteria, right, is greeted by teammate Fred Lewis after hitting a go-ahead grand slam in the seventh inning Sunday against the Colorado Rockies. San Francisco won 9-5.

"It was big," Renteria said. "The Rockies played great in Colorado and beat us three times. I tell everybody, 'You have to forget everything. If we want to go to the playoffs, we have to separate everything and play as a team.'"

Renteria also doubled in a run and matched a career high with five RBIs. He was intentionally walked in the eighth with two runners on.

Todd Helton and Troy Tulowitzki hit back-to-back solo homers in the fifth inning to put the Rockies ahead, but Colorado's bullpen couldn't hold a 4-1 lead.

"They kept fighting," San Francisco skipper Bruce Bochy said. "That's what it's about. Edgar, what a day he had."

Brandon Medders (3-1) got two outs in the seventh and Brian Wilson pitched the ninth after saving the first two games of the series.

The series was a total swing from the teams' previous meetings. The Rockies rallied for a 6-4, 14-inning victory last Monday in which Ryan Spilborghs hit a game-winning grand slam after the Giants had scored three runs in the top of the inning.

Phillies 3, Braves 2: Carlos Ruiz hit a two-run, go-ahead double in the seventh inning and Joe Blanton (9-6) allowed a run and three hits in seven innings for the host Phillies. It was the 12th straight start in which Blanton allowed three or fewer runs.

Ruiz was 3-for-3 with two doubles for the NL-East leading Phillies (75-53).

Diamondbacks 4, Astros 3: Reliever Chad Qualls dislocated his left kneecap when he was hit by Jason Michaels' line drive for the final out in host Arizona's three-game sweep.

With a Houston runner on first, Michaels' shot bounced off Qualls to shortstop Stephen Drew, who threw to first to end the game. Qualls landed awkwardly and stayed on the ground for several moments. Favoring his left leg, he was helped off the field by trainers.

In a Monday game:

Reds 4, Pirates 3 (1st): Darnell McDonald scored from third base on Jesse Chavez's wild pitch with two outs in the ninth inning, giving host Cincinnati a victory in the sparsely attended first game of a day-night doubleheader.

McDonald singled with one out in the ninth off Chavez (0-4), who gave up two hits and then bounced a pitch that skipped by catcher Jason Jaramillo. McDonald scored with a headfirst slide.

Nick Masset (5-1) got the victory with one inning in relief.

Fewer than 2,000 fans showed up for a matchup between the NL Central's bottom dwellers, played in a hushed atmosphere that better suited to a tennis match. Foul balls clattered around the 42,000-seat ballpark, and the players' banter could easily be heard by the few fans in the stands.

It was the makeup of a game rained out on April 10. A lot of bad things have happened to both teams since.

The Pirates went on yet another trading spree, getting rid of most of their starters. Only Ryan Doumit and Adam LaRoche are left from the lineup that manager John Russell wrote out on that rainy April 10 night.

For the Reds, it's been all about injuries. Every Reds starter from that game has been sidelined at some point in the season; 18 players overall have gone on the disabled list. Joey Votto was the only Reds mainstay left in the lineup from April.

Drew Stubbs homered in the first to give Cincinnati a 1-0 lead. The Reds led 3-2 in the seventh when Jaramillo tied it with a single off reliever Carlos Fisher.

DUANE BURLESON/AP

Things went downhill fast for Detroit Tigers starter Jarrod Washburn on Monday, when he surrendered six runs in the first inning to the Tampa Bay Rays. The Rays went on to beat the Tigers 11-7.

AL roundup

Rays batter Washburn, Tigers

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Carlos Pena hit his AL-best 38th homer and drove in four runs to help the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Detroit Tigers 11-7 on Monday for a split of their four-game series.

Tampa Bay scored six times in the first inning against the AL Central leaders, capped by Pena's two-run drive. James Shields remained unbeaten against Detroit, and Jason Bartlett added a solo homer as the Rays moved within five games of idle Boston in the wild-card race.

Tampa Bay hosts the Red Sox on Tuesday night, the start of a three-game series.

Carlos Guillen had four hits for Detroit, including two two-run homers.

Tigers starter Jarrod Washburn (9-8) allowed the first six batters to reach base. The last was Pena, who hit a shot down the right-field line. Pat Burrell had a two-run double earlier in the inning.

Pena added an RBI double in the fifth and Bartlett homered in the sixth off Washburn, who lost for the second time since joining the Tigers in a July 31 trade with Seattle. He left the mound to a chorus of boos after allowing eight runs and nine hits in $5^{2}/_{3}$ innings.

Pena singled in the first of three Tampa Bay runs off reliever Ryan Perry in the seventh.

Shields (9-10) allowed both two-run homers by Guillen, one in the first, the other in the seventh, but had little trouble in between. The right-hander yielded four earned runs in seven innings and struck out six to win his second consecutive outing and improve to 3-0 in five career starts against the Tigers.

Guillen had his sixth career multihomer game.

Detroit got its last two runs in the ninth off reliever Brian Shouse.

In Sunday games:

Twins 5, Rangers 3: Pinch-runner Carlos Gomez scored the go-ahead run as the host Twins rallied for three runs in the eighth. Trailing 3-2, the Twins used a walk, three singles, Nelson Cruz's error, and a fielder's choice grounder to rally against reliever C.J. Wilson (4-6).

The rally allowed Jon Rauch (1-0) to pick up the victory in his first appearance for the Twins since being acquired from Arizona on Friday.

Angels 9, Athletics 1: John Lackey (9-7) pitched eight innings of five-hit ball for his 100th career victory, and Torii Hunter and Kendry Morales hit three-run homers as the host Angels split a four-game series. Lackey limited Oakland to one unearned run while retiring 13 of the final 15 batters, improving to 16-4 in his career against the A's.

Royals 3, Mariners 0: Zack Greinke (13-8) limited host Seattle to Kenji Johjima's two-out single in the second, retiring the next 22 batters in his third shutout and sixth complete game, both tops in the majors., for the Royals.

Greinke, whose 2.32 ERA is best in the AL, walked one and struck out five.

MLB scoreboard

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	82	48	.631	—
Boston	76	54	.585	6
Tampa Bay	71	59	.546	11
Toronto	58	70	.453	23
Baltimore	54	77	.412	28½
Central Division				
Detroit	69	61	.531	—
Minnesota	65	65	.500	4
Chicago	64	67	.489	5½
Cleveland	58	72	.446	11
Kansas City	50	80	.385	19
West Division				
Los Angeles	77	52	.597	—
Texas	72	57	.558	5
Seattle	68	63	.519	10
Oakland	57	73	.438	20½

Sunday's games

N.Y. Yankees 8, Chicago White Sox 3
Detroit 4, Tampa Bay 3
Baltimore 5, Cleveland 2
Boston 7, Toronto 0
Minnesota 5, Texas 3
L.A. Angels 9, Oakland 1
Kansas City 3, Seattle 0

Monday's games

Tampa Bay 11, Detroit 7
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore
Toronto at Texas
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota
Kansas City at Oakland
L.A. Angels at Seattle

Tuesday's games

Toronto (Tallet 5-8) at Texas (Nippert 4-2)
Cleveland (Carrasco 0-0) at Detroit (E.Jackson 10-6)
N.Y. Yankees (A.Burnett 10-8) at Baltimore (Da.Hernandez 4-6)
Boston (Lester 10-7) at Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 6-7)
Chicago White Sox (Danks 12-8) at Minnesota (Manship 0-0)
Toronto (Rzepczynski 2-3) at Texas (Undecided)
Kansas City (Davies 5-9) at Oakland (Ed.Gonzalez 0-1)
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 7-7) at Seattle (Fister 1-1)

Sunday

Red Sox 7, Blue Jays 0

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Scutaro ss	5	0	1	0	Ellsury cf	4	1	1	0
A.Hill 2b	4	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	4	2	1	0
Lind dh	4	0	2	0	VMrtnz 1b	4	1	1	0
Overay 1b	4	0	0	0	Youkils 3b	3	0	2	3
V.Wells cf	4	0	0	0	D.Ortiz dh	3	0	1	0
Barajs c	3	0	0	0	J.Drew rf	4	1	1	0
Snider rf	2	0	0	0	Baldelli lf	4	1	1	1
JBautst lf	2	0	0	0	Varitek c	4	0	0	0
JMcDnl 3b	4	0	2	0	AlGnzlz ss	3	1	2	1
Totals	32	0	5	0	**Totals**	33	7	10	5

Toronto 000 000 000—0
Boston 111 100 30x—7

E—Camp (2). LOB—Toronto 10, Boston 4. 2B—Lind 2 (41), Jo.McDonald (4), Pedroia (41), V.Martinez (27), Youkilis (31), Ale.Gonzalez (3). HR—Baldelli (6). SF—Youkilis.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Halladay L,13-8	6	7	4	4	1	6
Camp	1	3	3	1	0	1
Carlson	1	0	0	0	0	2
Boston						
Byrd W,1-0	6	3	0	0	3	1
Delcarmen	1	0	0	0	1	0
Wagner	1	1	0	0	0	3
Saito	1	1	0	0	1	2

T—2:38. A—37,560 (37,373).

Royals 3, Mariners 0

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Seattle	ab	r	h	bi
DeJess lf	4	0	1	1	FGtrrz cf	4	0	0	0
Blmqst rf	4	0	0	0	JoWilsn 3b	4	0	0	0
Butler 1b	4	0	1	0	JoLopz 2b	3	0	0	0
B.Pena dh	4	0	0	0	MSwny dh	3	0	0	0
Callasp 2b	4	1	1	0	Hall rf	2	0	0	0
Teahen 3b	3	0	0	0	Hannhn 1b	3	0	0	0
Olivo c	3	1	1	1	Johjim c	3	0	1	0
Maier cf	2	1	0	0	JaWlsn ss	3	0	0	0
YBtncr ss	3	0	1	0	MSndrs lf	3	0	0	0
Totals	31	3	5	2	**Totals**	28	0	1	0

Kansas City 000 030 000—3
Seattle 000 000 000—0

DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Kansas City 2, Seattle 2. 2B—Callaspo (31).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kansas City						
Greinke W,13-8	9	1	0	0	1	5
Seattle						
Rowland-Smith L,2-2	8	5	3	3	1	7
Kelley	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Rowland-Smith. T—2:02. A—30,286 (47,878).

Orioles 5, Indians 2

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Sizemr cf	4	1	1	0	BRorts 2b	3	1	2	1
JCarrll 3b	4	1	2	1	Pie lf	3	1	1	2
ACarer ss	3	0	1	0	AdJons cf	2	1	0	0
Choo rf	4	0	2	1	Markks rf	4	0	0	0
JhPerlt dh	4	0	1	0	Reimld dh	3	0	0	0
LaPort lf	4	0	0	0	Scott 1b	3	0	1	1
AMarte 1b	4	0	0	0	Aubrey 1b	1	0	0	0
Valuen 2b	4	0	0	0	Wieters c	4	1	1	0
Toregs c	3	0	0	0	Wggntn 3b	4	1	2	0
					Clzturs ss	3	0	1	0
Totals	34	2	7	2	**Totals**	30	5	8	4

Cleveland 000 001 010—2
Baltimore 004 001 00x—5

E—J.Carroll (3), Choo (7). LOB—Cleveland 6, Baltimore 6. 2B—Scott (19). 3B—Sizemore (6). HR—Pie (7). SB—A.Cabrera (16), Ad.Jones (10). SF—B.Roberts.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Masterson L,4-6	5⅔	8	5	4	4	6
R.Perez	2	0	0	0	0	1
Todd	⅓	0	0	0	0	1
Baltimore						
Matusz W,3-2	7	4	1	1	1	8
Baez	1	3	1	1	0	0
Ji.Johnson S,7-11	1	0	0	0	0	1

PB—Toregas. T—2:26. A—20,643 (48,290).

Yankees 8, White Sox 3

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Pdsdnk cf	4	1	3	1	Jeter ss	3	3	2	0
Bckhm 3b	4	0	0	1	Damon lf	3	1	1	2
Przyns c	4	0	1	0	HrstnJr ph-lf	0	0	0	1
Quentin lf	4	0	0	0	Teixeir 1b	3	1	1	4
Thome dh	4	0	0	0	ARdrgz 3b	2	0	1	0
Dye rf	4	1	1	1	HMatsu dh	4	0	0	0
Kotsay 1b	4	0	1	0	Posada c	3	0	2	0
AlRmrz ss	3	1	2	0	Cano 2b	4	1	1	0
J.Nix 2b	3	0	1	0	Hinske rf	3	1	0	0
					MeCarr cf	4	1	1	1
Totals	34	3	9	3	**Totals**	29	8	9	8

Chicago 101 000 001—3
New York 102 000 50x—8

DP—Chicago 1, New York 1. LOB—Chicago 4, New York 4. 2B—Jeter (24), Posada (22), Me.Cabrera (22). 3B—Podsednik (5). HR—Dye (25), Damon (24), Teixeira (32). SB—Podsednik (23), Al.Ramirez (13). SF—Hairston Jr., Teixeira.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Garcia L,0-2	6	4	3	3	3	5
Williams	⅓	2	4	4	2	0
Linebrink	1⅔	3	1	1	0	1
New York						
Chamberlain	3	4	2	2	0	1
Aceves W,9-1	3	2	0	0	0	1
D.Marte H,2	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
D.Robertson H,2	⅓	2	0	0	0	1
Hughes H,15	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Coke	1	1	1	1	0	0

T—2:49. A—46,664 (52,325).

Tigers 4, Rays 3

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Bartlett ss	1	0	0	0	Grndrs cf	3	1	1	1
Crwfrd lf	4	0	1	0	Polanc 2b	4	1	1	3
Zobrist rf	4	0	1	0	CGuilln lf	4	0	0	0
C.Pena 1b	4	0	0	0	Raburn lf	0	0	0	0
Burrell dh	3	1	0	0	MiCarr 1b	3	0	0	0
Longori 3b	4	1	1	2	A.Huff dh	3	0	1	0
Zaun c	4	0	1	0	Inge 3b	3	0	0	0
Kapler pr	0	0	0	0	Thoms rf	3	2	3	0
Iwamr 2b	4	1	1	1	Laird c	2	0	0	0
BUpton cf	4	0	2	0	Ordonz ph	1	0	0	0
					Avila c	0	0	0	0
					Santiag ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	3	7	3	**Totals**	29	4	6	4

Tampa Bay 000 300 000—3
Detroit 001 000 03x—4

LOB—Tampa Bay 6, Detroit 2. 2B—B.Upton (29), A.Huff (25), Thomas (10). HR—Longoria (25), Iwamura (1), Polanco (8). SB—Crawford (55). CS—Bartlett (5), B.Upton (13).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Niemann	7	5	2	2	0	3
Balfour L,5-3 BS,3-4	1	1	2	2	1	1
Detroit						
Verlander W,15-7	8	6	3	3	3	4
Rodney S,29-30	1	1	0	0	0	0

Niemann pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP—by Verlander (Bartlett). T—2:30. A—36,067 (41,255).

Twins 5, Rangers 3

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Borbon dh	5	0	1	0	Span cf-lf	5	0	2	0
MYong 3b	5	0	1	0	ACasill 2b	4	0	0	0
Hamltn rf	4	0	0	0	Mauer dh-c	4	0	0	0
Byrd cf	4	0	1	0	Mornea 1b	3	2	1	0
Kinsler 2b	4	1	1	0	Kubel lf	3	1	2	2
Blalock 1b	3	0	0	0	Gomez pr-cf	0	1	0	0
N.Cruz lf	4	1	2	2	Cuddyr rf	3	0	1	0
IRdrgz c	3	1	1	0	BHarrs 3b	4	1	1	1
Andrus ss	4	0	1	1	Rdmnd c	4	0	1	1
					OCarer pr	0	0	0	0
					Nathan p	0	0	0	0
					Punto ss	4	0	2	1
Totals	36	3	8	3	**Totals**	34	5	10	5

Texas 001 000 200—3
Minnesota 000 200 03x—5

E—N.Cruz (4), Nathan (1). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 8, Minnesota 9. 2B—Byrd (39), I.Rodriguez (4), Span (11), Morneau (30), Punto (9). 3B—Redmond (1). HR—N.Cruz (28), Kubel (21). SB—Borbon (11).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Millwood	6	6	2	2	2	2
Grilli H,3	1	1	0	0	1	1
C.Wilson L,4-6 BS,4-18	1	3	3	3	1	1
Minnesota						
S.Baker	7	6	3	3	1	6
Rauch W,1-0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Nathan S,34-38	1	1	0	0	1	1

WP—Millwood. T—3:06. A—29,282 (46,632).

Angels 9, Athletics 1

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Kenndy 3b	4	0	0	0	Figgins 3b	4	1	2	2
RDavis cf	4	0	0	0	EAyar ss	4	1	0	0
RSwny rf	4	0	1	0	TrHntr cf	4	1	2	3
Cust dh	3	0	0	0	Quinlan rf	0	0	0	0
Powell c	4	0	2	0	Guerrr dh	4	1	1	0
M.Ellis 2b	4	0	1	0	JRiver lf	4	1	2	0
DBartn 1b	3	1	1	0	KMorls 1b	4	1	2	3
Pnngtn ss	3	0	0	0	HKndrc 2b	4	2	2	0
EPtrsn lf	2	0	1	0	MthwsJ rf-cf	4	1	1	1
					JMaths c	3	0	1	0
Totals	31	1	6	0	**Totals**	35	9	13	9

Oakland 001 000 000—1
Los Angeles 000 040 05x—9

E—E.Aybar (9). DP—Oakland 1, Los Angeles 2. LOB—Oakland 5, Los Angeles 5. 2B—M.Ellis (19), E.Patterson (2), Figgins (26), Matthews Jr. (16). HR—Tor.Hunter (19), K.Morales (30). S—E.Aybar.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Bre.Anderson L,7-10	6	7	4	4	1	2
J.Marshall	1⅔	5	5	5	0	0
S.Casilla	⅓	1	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles						
Lackey W,9-7	8	5	1	0	2	6
Jepsen	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by S.Casilla (J.Mathis). PB—Powell. T—2:12. A—38,018 (45,257).

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	75	53	.586	—
Atlanta	68	62	.523	8
Florida	68	62	.523	8
New York	59	72	.450	17½
Washington	46	85	.351	30½
Central Division				
St. Louis	77	55	.583	—
Chicago	65	63	.508	10
Milwaukee	64	66	.492	12
Houston	62	68	.477	14
Cincinnati	57	73	.438	19
Pittsburgh	53	76	.411	22½
West Division				
Los Angeles	78	53	.595	—
Colorado	72	59	.550	6
San Francisco	72	59	.550	6
Arizona	59	72	.450	19
San Diego	56	76	.424	22½

Sunday's games

L.A. Dodgers 3, Cincinnati 2, 12 innings
Florida 6, San Diego 4
Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 2, Washington 1
N.Y. Mets 4, Chicago Cubs 1
San Francisco 9, Colorado 5
Arizona 4, Houston 3
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2

Monday's games

Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 3
Atlanta at Florida
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
Houston at Chicago Cubs
Washington at San Diego
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers

Tuesday's games

San Francisco (J.Sanchez 6-10) at Philadelphia (Hamels 7-8)
Atlanta (Hudson 0-0) at Florida (A.Sanchez 2-5)
Pittsburgh (Morton 3-6) at Cincinnati (Lehr 3-1)
Houston (Moehler 8-9) at Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 9-7)
Milwaukee (Looper 11-6) at St. Louis (Pineiro 13-9)
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 9-9) at Colorado (De La Rosa 12-9)
Washington (J.Martin 3-3) at San Diego (Richard 3-1)
Arizona (Y.Petit 3-8) at L.A. Dodgers (V.Padilla 1-0)

Sunday

Diamondbacks 4, Astros 3

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Arizona	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	3	2	2	0	RRorts lf-2b	2	0	1	1
Kppngr 3b-ss	4	0	1	1	S.Drew ss	4	0	0	0
Brkmn 1b	4	0	1	2	J.Upton rf	4	1	1	2
Ca.Lee lf	4	0	1	0	Rynlds 3b	4	0	0	0
Valvrd p	0	0	0	0	Ryal 2b	3	0	1	0
Pence rf	4	0	1	0	ARomr lf	1	0	0	0
KMatsu 2b	3	0	0	0	CYoung cf	3	0	0	0
Maysnt ss	2	0	0	0	Allen 1b	4	1	1	0
Blum ph-3b	1	0	0	0	Hester c	3	2	2	1
Quinter c	2	0	0	0	Haren p	1	0	1	0
Erstad ph	1	0	0	0	JGutrrz p	0	0	0	0
Coste c	1	0	0	0	Qualls p	0	0	0	0
WRdrg p	2	0	0	0					
Gervac p	0	0	0	0					
Byrdak p	0	0	0	0					
Fulchin p	0	0	0	0					
Michals ph-lf	2	1	1	0					
Totals	33	3	7	3	**Totals**	29	4	7	4

Houston 100 000 020—3
Arizona 001 001 20x—4

DP—Arizona 1. LOB—Houston 6, Arizona 6. 2B—Allen (3), Hester (1). HR—J.Upton (22). SB—Bourn 2 (48), Ca.Lee (4). CS—R.Roberts (3). S—Haren.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
W.Rodriguez L,12-9	6	7	4	4	3	7
Gervacio	0	0	0	0	1	0
Byrdak	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Fulchino	⅔	0	0	0	0	1
Valverde	1	0	0	0	0	2
Arizona						
Haren W,13-8	7	6	3	3	2	7
J.Gutierrez H,7	⅔	1	0	0	0	0
Qualls S,24-29	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1

Haren pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. W.Rodriguez pitched to 3 batters in the 7th. Gervacio pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. HBP—by Qualls (Blum). WP—Qualls. T—2:42. A—29,062 (48,652).

Marlins 6, Padres 4

San Diego	ab	r	h	bi	Florida	ab	r	h	bi
ECarer ss	3	0	0	0	Coghln lf	3	1	1	1
LRdrgz 2b	4	0	1	0	Gload 1b	4	1	1	0
R.Webb p	0	0	0	0	LNunez p	0	0	0	0
GBurke p	0	0	0	0	HRmrz ss	4	0	0	0
Macias ph	1	0	0	0	Cantu 3b-1b	3	1	0	0
OSalazr 1b	5	1	3	0	JoBakr c	4	1	2	2
Kzmnff 3b	4	1	1	1	Uggla 2b	3	2	1	0
Headly lf	3	2	1	0	C.Ross cf	4	0	1	2
Venale rf	4	0	2	0	Hermid rf	2	0	0	0
HBlanc c	3	0	0	0	Lndstr p	0	0	0	0
AdGnzl ph	1	0	1	0	Helms ph-3b	0	0	0	0
Hundly pr-c	0	0	0	0	West p	2	0	0	0
Gwynn cf	4	0	0	1	Pinto p	0	0	0	0
Latos p	2	0	0	0	BCarrll ph-rf	0	0	0	0
Mujica p	0	0	0	0					
Eckstn ph-2b	2	0	1	0					
Totals	36	4	10	2	**Totals**	29	6	6	5

San Diego 000 300 010—4
Florida 000 500 01x—6

E—Gwynn (8), Cantu (10), West (2). DP—Florida 2. LOB—San Diego 9, Florida 8. 2B—O.Salazar (5), Kouzmanoff (29), Eckstein (22), Uggla (20). S—B.Carroll.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Latos L,4-4	3⅓	4	5	4	2	2
Mujica	2⅔	1	0	0	0	2
R.Webb	1	0	0	0	2	1
G.Burke	1	1	1	1	2	0
Florida						
West W,6-5	6	7	3	1	2	7
Pinto H,10	1	1	0	0	1	1
Lindstrom H,6	1	2	1	1	0	0
L.Nunez S,17-21	1	0	0	0	1	0

HBP—by R.Webb (Coghlan), by G.Burke (Helms). WP—G.Burke. PB—Jo.Baker. T—3:12. A—12,873 (38,560).

Dodgers 3, Reds 2 (12)

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Cincinnati	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	5	0	0	0	Stubbs cf	6	0	2	0
Pierre lf	4	0	1	0	Janish ss	5	0	2	0
Sherrill p	0	0	0	0	Votto 1b	5	0	0	0
Troncs p	0	0	0	0	BPhllps 2b	5	0	1	0
Loretta ph	1	0	1	0	Rolen 3b	4	1	2	0
Kuo p	0	0	0	0	Gomes rf	3	0	0	0
JCastro 2b	1	0	1	0	Rhodes p	0	0	0	0
Ethier rf	5	0	1	0	Masset p	0	0	0	0
Kemp cf	4	1	1	2	L.Nix ph	1	0	0	0
Blake 3b	5	1	1	0	Burton p	0	0	0	0
Loney 1b	4	0	1	0	Sutton ph	0	0	0	0
RMartn c	5	0	1	0	Corder p	0	0	0	0
Hudson 2b	5	0	1	0	ARosls ph	0	0	0	0
JMcDnl p	0	0	0	0	DMcDn lf	4	1	1	2
Broxtn p	0	0	0	0	CMiller c	4	0	0	0
Kershw p	2	0	1	1	HBaily pr	0	0	0	0
MRmrz ph-lf	2	1	1	0	Arroyo p	2	0	0	0
					Balentn rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	43	3	11	3	**Totals**	42	2	8	2

Los Angeles 000 020 000 001—3
Cincinnati 020 000 000 000—2

DP—Cincinnati 3. LOB—Los Angeles 11, Cincinnati 8. 2B—J.Castro (4), Ethier (35). HR—Kemp (21), D.McDonald (1). SB—Ethier (6), B.Phillips (21). CS—Rolen (1). SF—Kemp.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Kershaw	7	4	2	2	2	11
Sherrill	1	2	0	0	0	0
Troncoso	1	0	0	0	0	2
Kuo	1	1	0	0	0	2
Ja.McDonald W,4-3	1	1	0	0	0	2
Broxton S,29-34	1	0	0	0	2	3
Cincinnati						
Arroyo	7⅓	6	2	2	2	3
Rhodes	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Masset	1⅓	1	0	0	1	1
Burton	2	3	0	0	1	0
Cordero L,2-4	1	1	1	1	2	0

PB—R.Martin. T—3:54. A—26,091 (42,319).

Brewers 4, Pirates 1

Pittsburgh	ab	r	h	bi	Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi
McCtch cf	4	0	1	0	FLopez 2b	4	0	0	0
DlwYn 2b	4	0	0	0	Counsll ss-3b	4	0	1	2
GJones 1b	2	1	2	1	Braun lf	4	0	0	0
Doumit c	4	0	0	0	Fielder 1b	4	0	0	0
Milledg lf	4	0	3	0	McGeh 3b	3	2	2	1
Moss rf	4	0	2	0	AEscor ss	0	0	0	0
AnLRc 3b	4	0	0	0	Gerut cf	3	0	0	0
Cedeno ss	2	0	0	0	Kendall c	2	1	1	0
Ohlndrf p	2	0	1	0	Catlntt rf	2	1	1	0
RVazqz ph	1	0	0	0	Suppan p	1	0	0	1
Btchck p	0	0	0	0	Wethrs p	0	0	0	0
Pearce ph	1	0	0	0	Bourgs ph	1	0	0	0
					Stetter p	0	0	0	0
					CVargs p	0	0	0	0
					Hoffmn p	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	1	9	1	**Totals**	28	4	5	4

Pittsburgh 001 000 000—1
Milwaukee 010 030 00x—4

DP—Pittsburgh 1, Milwaukee 4. LOB—Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 3. 2B—Moss 2 (17), Kendall (15). HR—G.Jones (16), McGehee (11). SB—Kendall 2 (6).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Ohlendorf L,11-9	6	5	4	4	2	6
Bootcheck	2	0	0	0	1	2
Milwaukee						
Suppan W,6-8	6	8	1	1	3	1
Weathers H,17	1	0	0	0	0	2
Stetter H,17	⅓	0	0	0	1	0
C.Vargas H,3	⅔	0	0	0	0	0
Hoffman S,29-31	1	1	0	0	0	0

T—2:45. A—41,157 (41,900).

Giants 9, Rockies 5

Colorado	ab	r	h	bi	San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi
CGnzlz cf	4	1	1	0	Velez lf-rf-lf	4	1	2	1
Splrghs lf	4	1	1	0	Renteri ss	4	1	3	5
Helton 1b	5	1	3	1	Schrhlt rf	1	0	0	1
Tlwtzk ss	5	1	4	3	BMolin ph	1	0	0	0
Hawpe rf	4	0	1	0	Hinshw p	0	0	0	0
Stewart 3b	5	1	3	0	Meddrs p	0	0	0	0
Barmes 2b	3	0	0	1	Winn ph-rf	2	0	1	0
Torreal c	3	0	1	0	Sandovl 3b	4	0	0	0
Hamml p	3	0	0	0	BrWlsn p	0	0	0	0
FMorls p	0	0	0	0	Ishikaw 1b	2	0	0	0
RBtncr p	0	0	0	0	Garko ph-1b	3	0	0	0
GAtkns ph	1	0	0	0	Uribe 2b	3	2	1	0
Rincon p	0	0	0	0	Rownd cf	2	2	1	0
Beimel p	0	0	0	0	Whitsd c	3	1	0	0
Daley p	0	0	0	0	Cain p	1	0	0	0
					FLewis ph-lf	1	2	1	0
					Affeldt p	0	0	0	0
					Rhlngr ph-3b	1	0	1	2
Totals	37	5	14	5	**Totals**	32	9	10	9

Colorado 100 021 100—5
San Francisco 000 101 43x—9

E—Hawpe (4). DP—Colorado 1, San Francisco 1. LOB—Colorado 10, San Francisco 8. 2B—Tulowitzki (23), Hawpe (37), Stewart (19), Velez (9), Renteria (18), F.Lewis (20). 3B—Stewart (3). HR—Helton (13), Tulowitzki (24), Renteria (4). SB—C.Gonzalez (9), Winn (11). CS—C.Gonzalez (2), Stewart (4). SF—Barmes, Schierholtz.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colorado						
Hammel	5	4	2	2	1	2
F.Morales H,6	1⅔	1	3	3	1	4
R.Betncrt L,0-1 BS,1-1	⅓	2	1	1	1	1
Rincon	0	2	3	3	1	0
Beimel	⅔	1	0	0	1	1
Daley	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco						
Cain	6	8	4	4	2	8
Hinshaw	⅓	2	1	1	1	0
Medders W,3-1	⅔	1	0	0	0	0
Affeldt H,27	1	2	0	0	0	2
Br.Wilson	1	1	0	0	1	2

Hammel pitched to 3 batters in the 6th. Rincon pitched to 4 batters in the 8th. HBP—by Rincon (Whiteside), by Hammel (Rowand), by F.Morales (F.Lewis). T—3:22. A—42,571 (41,915).

Cardinals 2, Nationals 1

Washington	ab	r	h	bi	St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi
WHarrs cf	5	0	0	0	Schmkr 2b	3	0	0	0
CGzmn ss	4	0	0	0	Lugo ph-2b	0	0	0	0
Zmrmn 3b	4	0	0	0	Rasms cf	3	2	2	0
Dunn 1b	1	1	0	0	Ludwck ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Wlngh lf	3	0	1	0	Pujols 1b	4	0	2	1
Dukes rf	2	0	1	1	Hollidy lf	3	0	0	0
Orr 2b	4	0	1	0	Ankiel rf-cf	1	0	0	1
SBurntt p	0	0	0	0	KGreen 3b	3	0	0	0
MacDgl p	0	0	0	0	DeRosa 3b	0	0	0	0
J.Bard c	4	0	1	0	YMolin c	3	0	0	0
Mock p	2	0	0	0	BrRyan ss	3	0	0	0
Morse ph	1	0	0	0	Wnwrg p	2	0	0	0
Clipprd p	0	0	0	0	McCllln p	1	0	0	0
Bellird 2b	1	0	0	0	TMiller p	0	0	0	0
					Frnkln p	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	4	1	**Totals**	27	2	4	2

Washington 000 001 000—1
St. Louis 000 101 00x—2

E—C.Guzman (18), Mock (2). DP—Washington 1. LOB—Washington 9, St. Louis 4. 2B—Willingham (27). SB—Pujols (14). SF—Ankiel.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Washington						
Mock L,3-6	6	4	2	2	1	5
Clippard	1	0	0	0	0	0
S.Burnett	0	0	0	0	1	0
MacDougal	1	0	0	0	0	0
St. Louis						
Wainwright W,16-7	6	3	1	1	3	7
McClellan H,13	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2
T.Miller	0	0	0	0	1	0
Franklin S,35-37	1⅓	1	0	0	1	1

T.Miller pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. S.Burnett pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP—by Wainwright (Dukes). WP—Mock. T—2:47. A—41,083 (43,975).

Mets 4, Cubs 1

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Pagan cf	5	1	3	0	Theriot ss	4	0	1	0
LCastill 2b	5	1	2	0	Bradly rf	2	1	1	0
DnMrp 1b	4	0	1	1	D.Lee 1b	4	0	2	0
Francr rf	4	0	1	1	ArRmr 3b	4	0	1	1
Reed lf	4	0	1	0	Fukdm cf	4	0	1	0
Tatis 3b	4	0	1	0	J.Fox lf	4	0	0	0
Schndr c	4	1	1	0	Fontent 2b	4	0	1	0
AHrndz ss	4	1	1	1	Soto c	4	0	0	0
Figuero p	3	0	1	1	Zamrn p	1	0	0	0
Stokes p	0	0	0	0	Grzlny p	0	0	0	0
Sullivn ph	1	0	0	0	Miles ph	1	0	0	0
FrRdrg p	0	0	0	0	SMrshll p	0	0	0	0
					Fuld ph	0	0	0	0
					Grabow p	0	0	0	0
					AGzmn p	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	4	12	4	**Totals**	32	1	7	1

New York 002 200 000—4
Chicago 100 000 000—1

E—Zambrano (3). DP—New York 2, Chicago 1. LOB—New York 7, Chicago 7. 3B—A.Hernandez (3). SB—Pagan (12).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Figueroa W,2-3	7	6	1	1	2	10
Stokes H,8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fr.Rodriguez S,28-33	1	1	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Zambrano L,7-6	3⅓	11	4	3	0	3
Gorzelanny	1⅔	0	0	0	0	1
S.Marshall	2	1	0	0	0	1
Grabow	1	0	0	0	0	1
A.Guzman	1	0	0	0	0	2

Figueroa pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP—by Figueroa (Bradley). WP—Fr.Rodriguez. T—2:26. A—39,907 (41,210).

Phillies 3, Braves 2

Atlanta	ab	r	h	bi	Philadelphia	ab	r	h	bi
M.Diaz rf	3	1	0	0	Rollins ss	4	0	0	0
Prado 2b	4	1	3	1	Victorn cf	4	0	0	0
C.Jones 3b	3	0	1	1	Utley 2b	4	1	1	1
McCnn c	4	0	0	0	Howard 1b	4	0	2	0
GAndrs lf	2	0	0	0	Werth rf	4	0	1	0
YEscor ss	3	0	0	0	Ibanez lf	1	1	0	0
AdLRc 1b	4	0	1	0	P.Feliz 3b	3	1	1	0
Gorecki cf	3	0	0	0	C.Ruiz c	3	0	3	2
Norton ph	1	0	0	0	Blanton p	2	0	0	0
Jurrjns p	3	0	0	0	Stairs ph	1	0	0	0
RSorin p	0	0	0	0	Madson p	0	0	0	0
					S.Eyre p	0	0	0	0
					Lidge p	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	5	2	**Totals**	30	3	8	3

Atlanta 100 000 010—2
Philadelphia 000 100 20x—3

E—C.Jones (16). DP—Atlanta 2, Philadelphia 2. LOB—Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 7. 2B—Werth (25), C.Ruiz 2 (19). HR—Prado (9), Utley (29). S—P.Feliz.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Atlanta						
Jurrjens L,10-9	7	7	3	2	2	2
R.Soriano	1	1	0	0	1	2
Philadelphia						
Blanton W,9-6	7	3	1	1	4	7
Madson	0	2	1	1	0	0
S.Eyre H,13	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lidge S,27-36	1	0	0	0	0	1

Madson pitched to 3 batters in the 8th. HBP—by Madson (M.Diaz). T—2:27. A—44,828 (43,647).

Baseball calendar

Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.
Oct. 7 — Playoffs begin.
Oct. 28 — World Series begins, city of American League champion.
November — Free agent filing period, first 15 days after World Series ends.
Nov. 9-11 — General managers meetings, Chicago.
Nov. 30-Dec. 4 — Major League Baseball Players Association executive board meeting, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Dec. 1 — Last day for teams to offer salary arbitration to their former players who became free agents.
Dec. 7 — Last day for free agents offered salary arbitration to accept the offers.
Dec. 7-10 — Winter meetings, Indianapolis.
Dec. 12 — Last day for teams to offer 2010 contracts to unsigned players.

Sports briefs

Clijsters rolls in return to Grand Slam tennis

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Four years and one baby later, Kim Clijsters still looks like a contender.

The 2005 U.S. Open titlist cruised through her return to Grand Slam tennis Monday, defeating Viktoriya Kutuzova 6-1, 6-1 in the opening round of the U.S. Open in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Next on that court, Roger Federer extended his U.S. Open winning streak to 35 matches with a 6-1, 6-3, 7-5 victory over NCAA champion Devin Britton.

While Federer is seeking his sixth straight title at Flushing Meadows, Clijsters played her first Grand Slam match since the 2007 Australian Open, after which she retired to start a family. She had a baby girl in May 2008, but recently decided to return to competitive tennis.

It has been a good return thus far, one that has included four wins over top-20 opponents in two tournaments in August. Granted, this was only the first round of the U.S. Open, but her 58-minute victory over Kutuzova included very few signs of rust.

Defending champion Serena Williams began the quest for her fourth U.S. Open title with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Alexa Glatch.

American John Isner won his first Grand Slam match in two years, upsetting 28th-seeded Victor Hanescu 6-1, 7-6 (14), 7-6 (5).

Other winners in the first round included eighth-seeded Victoria Azarenka, 12th-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska and 26th-seeded Francesca Schiavone. Paul-Henri Mathieu, No. 26 on the men's side, was the first seeded player to lose, beaten by Mikhail Youzhny 2-6, 7-5, 6-0, 6-2.

Patriots LB Bruschi retires

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tedy Bruschi retired Monday after a 13-year NFL career in which he won three Super Bowl titles with the New England Patriots and made a gallant return from a stroke.

The inside linebacker played for no other team and leaves football with only one unachieved goal — a fourth championship.

"I'm 36 years old," Bruschi said during a news conference. "Your body doesn't heal as quickly."

He came back from a mild stroke in February 2005 to play eight months later.

"I was retired," he said. "I didn't think it was possible" to play again.

Bruschi's performance declined last year and he was playing with the second unit on defense this summer. He missed much of training camp with an undisclosed injury but played in two of the team's past three exhibition games.

Also, the Patriots cut quarterback Kevin O'Connell, who was projected to be Tom Brady's backup.

In other NFL news:

■ After missing three weeks nursing a sprained toe, wide receiver Terrell Owens returned to practice Monday, raising hopes that his presence might spark the Buffalo Bills' lifeless offense.

■ Cleveland Browns coach Eric Mangini said Monday that he has not yet decided whether Brady Quinn or Derek Anderson will start the Sept. 13 opener against the Minnesota Vikings.

■ The Kansas City Chiefs fired Chan Gailey as offensive coordinator.

■ Baltimore Ravens cornerback Samari Rolle, 33, will spend at least the opening six weeks of the season on the physically unable to perform list with a neck injury that could mean the end of his career.

■ The St. Louis Rams plan to sit quarterback Marc Bulger in the exhibition finale on Thursday to lessen the chance of him aggravating his broken right pinkie.

STEW MILNE/AP

New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi, who won three Super Bowl titles and came back from a mild stroke in his 13-year career, retired Monday.

Bulger threw for the second straight day Monday, but has yet to take a snap from center. Backup Kyle Boller will get his third straight start against the Kansas City Chiefs in the annual Governor's Cup game in St. Louis.

■ The Houston Texans traded defensive tackle Travis Johnson to the San Diego Chargers on Monday.

Johnson was a first-round pick in 2005, but didn't live up to expectations. His career has been marked by numerous injuries and inconsistent play.

■ Pittsburgh Steelers right guard Darnell Stapleton will miss the season after being placed on the injured reserve list Monday with a knee injury.

Stapleton injured his left knee during the first week of training camp and had arthroscopic surgery to remove loose cartilage. An undrafted player who started in the Super Bowl, he was expected to be ready by the start of the season.

■ Defensive end Brett Keisel signed a five-year contract Monday, becoming the eighth player to reach a new deal with the Pittsburgh Steelers since they won the Super Bowl in February.

Because the Steelers have a policy of not negotiating during the regular season, Keisel is expected to be the final player signed before the Sept. 10 opener against Tennessee.

Michigan coach denies violations

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan football coach Rich Rodriguez said Monday that his program has abided by NCAA rules, despite allegations from anonymous players and former players who say the team has practiced far beyond the time allowed.

"We know the rules," Rodriguez said, "and we follow the rules,"

During a news conference, Rodriguez became emotional and his eyes became glassy on several occasions as he denied wrongdoing.

The school on Sunday launched an investigation into allegations that the football program regularly violates NCAA rules limiting how much time players can spend on training and practice.

The announcement came after a Detroit Free Press article in which players from the 2008 and 2009 teams said the amount of time they spend on football during the season and in the offseason greatly exceeds NCAA limits. The players spoke to the newspaper on condition of anonymity because they feared repercussions from coaches.

In other college football news:

■ Marvin "Moose" Stewart, a star center for the LSU football team in the 1930s, died Sunday. He was 97.

Stewart and Gaynell Tinsley led the Tigers to Southeastern Conference titles in 1935 and 1936. He was an all-conference selection his senior season.

Ex-Net seeks to overturn convictions

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — Lawyers for Jayson Williams said the retired NBA star's convictions related to a fatal shooting should be thrown out because of prosecutorial misconduct.

Williams was convicted of four counts of covering up the shooting of a hired driver at his central New Jersey mansion more than seven years ago.

In 2007, the Hunterdon County prosecutors office disclosed that an investigator used a racial slur in reference to Williams in 2002. Williams' lawyers argued in court Monday that the failure to disclose the remark before the trial, along with other actions by a former prosecutor, constitute misconduct.

The state argued that the slur had no effect on the cover-up convictions.

Williams is awaiting retrial on a reckless manslaughter count.

Kelly out as head of NHL union

CHICAGO — The NHL Players' Association announced during its annual meeting Monday that its executive board voted "overwhelmingly" to remove Paul Kelly as executive director. The executive board is made up of one player from each of the 30 teams.

Kelly held the job for less than two years. The NHLPA didn't give a reason, saying that after a review of the "overall operation of the NHLPA, it was decided that Paul Kelly should no longer continue to serve as executive director."

Slocum wins The Barclays

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — One week after Heath Slocum wondered if he would even make it to the PGA Tour's FedEx Cup playoffs, he finished a compelling afternoon at Liberty National by making a 20-foot par putt on the 18th hole for a one-shot victory over Tiger Woods and a cast of stars Sunday in The Barclays.

Woods was one shot behind when he fired a 6-iron from 189 yards into 7 feet on the final hole, adding to his collection of clutch shots. Typical of his week, however, Woods missed the putt and shot 67, then had to wait to see if there would be a playoff.

Slocum and Steve Stricker, tied for the lead, both hit into fairway bunkers and couldn't reach the green. Slocum raised both arms in the air when his par putt broke gently back to the left and disappeared into the cup.

Stricker had a 10-foot par putt to force a playoff, and cringed when it caught the left lip. He closed with a 69.

In other golf news:

■ At Snoqualmie, Wash., Loren Roberts birdied the final two holes to steal the Boeing Classic title and keep Mark O'Meara winless on the Champions Tour.

■ At North Plains, Ore., rookie M.J. Hur made a 6-foot birdie putt on the second playoff hole of the Safeway Classic to beat Suzann Pettersen for her first LPGA Tour victory.

■ At Tulsa, Okla., Byeong Hun-An, 17, defeated Clemson senior Ben Martin 7 and 5 to become the youngest champion ever in the U.S. Amateur.

■ Augusta National announced Monday that six-time Masters champion Jack Nicklaus will join Arnold Palmer as an honorary starter for next year's Masters.

Edwards ekes out Nationwide victory

MONTREAL — Carl Edwards passed Marcos Ambrose on the final turn to win the crash-filled Nationwide race at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, which ended with the cars on rain tires for the second straight year.

Edwards won a two-lap sprint to the finish on a track that was wet and dry in spots from a light rain when Ambrose, who dominated the race, slid sideways after hitting the rumble strips in Turn 14. Edwards slipped past Ambrose and outraced him down the final straightaway for his first career road-course victory and the first Nationwide road-course triumph for Roush Fenway Racing.

Also:

■ NASCAR driver Benny Gordon and the National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum unveiled a custom-designed race car commemorating 9/11 on Monday. The car is inscribed with the message, "Always Remember." Gordon will race it Sept. 11 at the Richmond International Speedway in Virginia.

Dodgers get INF Belliard from Nats

CINCINNATI — The NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers acquired infielder Ronnie Belliard from the Washington Nationals for a minor leaguer and a player to be named. The Dodgers traded Class A pitcher Luis Garcia, 22, to the Nationals on Sunday.

Belliard, 24, hit .246 with five home runs and 22 RBIs for Washington.

In other baseball news:

■ Oft-injured Houston Astros lefty Mike Hampton won't pitch again this season and is planning to have surgery on his pitching shoulder and both knees. Hampton, on the disabled list since Aug. 18 with a partially torn rotator cuff, will have the results of MRI exams on his shoulder and knees sent to Dr. David Altchek of the New York Mets.

Hampton is 7-10 with a 5.30 ERA in 21 starts this season, his most since 2004. He missed the 2006 and 2007 seasons due to operations on his elbow.

■ The San Francisco Giants are working on a deal to add right-hander Brad Penny to their rotation for the stretch run.

A person with knowledge of the discussions told The Associated Press on Monday that details still needed to be finalized. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because negotiations with Penny continued.

Penny cleared waivers and would need to sign by Monday to be eligible for the playoffs with the Giants. San Francisco, idle on Monday, is tied with Colorado for the NL wild-card lead.

■ The Kansas City Royals extended general manager Dayton Moore's contract through 2014 on Monday.

Despite one of the team's most disappointing seasons in years, Royals owner David Glass said two weeks ago that Moore and manager Trey Hillman would remain. Glass kept his word, extending Moore's contract three years after the general manager exercised his option for 2011.

California beats Taiwan for LLWS title

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Bulla Graft's single scored the go-ahead run in the fourth inning and Chula Vista, Calif., rallied to defeat Taoyuan, Taiwan, 6-3 on Sunday to take the Little League crown.

The United States has won five straight titles.

2009 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEW: BIG TEN

The right consistency

Ohio State, Penn State lead pack, but bowl losses raise eyebrows

BY GENARO C. ARMAS
The Associated Press

Some of the best examples of consistency in college football can be found in the Big Ten.

There's Ohio State, the school that's won at least a share of the past four conference titles. There's Penn State, led by Joe Paterno, the 82-year-old Hall of Fame coach entering his 44th year on the job.

Here's one trend, though, the Big Ten would like to reverse in 2009: its embarrassing showing in bowl games. A 1-6 record in bowls last season and a winless streak in Bowl Championship Series games since 2005 has fueled critics' talk that the conference doesn't compare to the SEC and Big 12.

"I think it's unfair to beat down the Big Ten, because every game we play in a bowl game is an away game," Paterno said. "I don't think it's any indication" of weakness.

"I think the Big Ten is a very strong conference. Whether we don't win a couple bowl games a couple years in a row. ... I wouldn't judge it on three-four games," Paterno said.

Only Iowa won its bowl game (Outback) last season. Penn State tied for its second Big Ten crown in four years and went to the Rose Bowl after defeating Ohio State in the regular season.

But Pasadena didn't work out for the Nittany Lions after Southern California ended Penn State's three-game bowl winning streak.

Once-powerful Michigan didn't even get to a bowl game, ending a 33-year streak. Coach Rich Rodriguez hopes the second year of his rebuilding job in Ann Arbor brings more success than last year's dismal 3-9 record.

The Buckeyes lost to Texas in the Fiesta Bowl, which followed lopsided defeats the previous two years in the BCS title game for Ohio State.

Coach Jim Tressel and his Big Ten colleagues are aware of the whispers.

But, Tressel said during Big Ten media days in Chicago, "I don't know if anyone in this conference has an inferiority complex. ... If you watch ball games, our guys will play toe-to-toe with anyone."

Not to worry, coach. The Buckeyes could get another chance to prove their BCS mettle.

Ohio State and Penn State are the favorites again, though both teams have enough question marks that dark horse contenders like Iowa and Michigan State could break through.

It could all come down to the Nov. 7 showdown between Ohio State and Penn State in Happy Valley.

KIICHIRO SATO/AP

Ohio State head coach Jim Tressel, left, and Penn State head coach Joe Paterno consistently have their programs at or near the top of the Big Ten standings and the BCS standings every season.

TERRY GILLIAM/AP

Quarterback Terrelle Pryor begins his second season under center for Ohio State, which has won at least a share of the last four Big Ten titles. But the Buckeyes have lost their last three BCS bowl games.

Team capsules

OHIO STATE

Key players: QB Terrelle Pryor, So.; RB Dan "Boom" Herron, So.; DT Doug Worthington, Sr.; S Kurt Coleman, Sr. Returning starters — 4 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Sept. 12 home date with Southern California is key to whether Buckeyes can make another national title run. ... Pryor led the Big Ten as a freshman with a pass-efficiency rating of 151.3 in conference games. ... "Boom" must replace a "Beanie" in 1,200-yard rusher Chris "Beanie" Wells, who left for the NFL after his junior year.

PENN STATE

Key players: QB Daryll Clark, Sr.; RB Evan Royster, Jr.; LB Sean Lee, Sr.; LB Navorro Bowman, Jr. Returning starters — 5 offense, 4 defense.

Notes: Six of first seven games are at home. ... Penn State's "Spread HD" offense must operate with new starting receivers and a rebuilt offensive line. ... Lee looks healthy after missing 2008 with a right knee injury. ... DT Jared Odrick among the best linemen in the league, though defense must replace speed-rusher Aaron Maybin.

IOWA

Key players: QB Ricky Stanzi, Jr.; RB Jewel Hampton, So.; LB Pat Angerer, Sr. Returning starters — 6 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: RB Shonn Green took his 1,800 yards to the NFL. Hampton, his presumed replacement, suffered an offseason knee injury but is expected to be ready for the season. ... Defensive line loses steady tackles Mitch King and Matt Kroul. ... Hawkeyes face a brutal road schedule: at Penn State, Wisconsin, Michigan State and Ohio State.

MICHIGAN STATE

Key players: LB Greg Jones, Jr.; LB Eric Gordon, Jr.; K Brett Swenson, Sr. Returning starters — 7 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: Sophomores Kirk Cousins and Keith Nichol are top candidates to replace departed QB Brian Hoyer. ... 1,700-yard rusher Javon Ringer will be sorely missed. ... Spartans coming off first nine-victory regular season since 1999.

ILLINOIS

Key players: QB Juice Williams, Sr.; WR Arrelious Benn. Jr.; MLB Martez Wilson, Jr. Returning staters — 8 offense, 5 defense.

Notes: There's no question who the cover boys are for this year's Illini: Williams and Benn are featured on a school Web site, 7-to-9.com, to tout their bowl credentials. ... Williams needs 425 yards to become the Illini's career offensive yardage leader at 8,880.

WISCONSIN

Key players: RB John Clay, So.; DE O'Brien Schofield, Sr.; LB Jaevery McFadden, Sr. Returning starters — 6 offense, 5 defense.

Notes: Another year, another new starting QB? Redshirt freshman Curt Phillips could take the job from fifth-year senior Dustin Sherer, who took over at midyear last season. ... Top three receivers return, including TE Garrett Graham.

MICHIGAN

Key players: RB Brandon Minor, Sr.; DE Brandon Graham, Sr.; P Zoltan Mesko, Sr.. Returning starters — 10 offense, 5 defense.

Notes: Year 2 of coach Rich Rodriguez's rebuilding project finds freshman Tate Forcier taking over at quarterback. ... Wolverines last year gave up 347 points, the most in school history. Greg Robinson, fired last year as coach at Syracuse, takes over as defensive coordinator.

NORTHWESTERN

Key players: QB Mike Kafka, Sr.; DE Corey Wootton, Sr.; S Brad Phillips, Sr. Returning starters — 5 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: The 6-foot-7 Wootton had 10 sacks last season, but is recovering from right knee surgery after he was injured in the Alamo Bowl. ... Wildcats must replace top RB Tyrell Sutton and top three receivers. ... Northwestern doesn't have to play Ohio State or Michigan.

MINNESOTA

Key players: QB Adam Weber, Jr.; WR Eric Decker, Sr.; LB Lee Campbell, Sr. Returning starters — 9 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: Gophers move home digs from dingy Metrodome to new, open-air TCF Bank Stadium on campus. ... Weber-to-Decker combo among best in Big Ten, though Gophers must boost rushing attack (3.1 yards per game in 2009).

PURDUE

Key players: RB Jaycen Taylor, Sr.; CB Brandon King, Sr.; CB David Pender, Sr. Returning starters — 5 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Danny Hope takes over as coach for Joe Tiller after spending 2008 as coach-in-waiting. ... Senior Joey Elliot, voted captain, likely replaces Curtis Painter at QB.

INDIANA

Key players: DE Jammie Kirlew, Sr.; DE Greg Middleton, Sr.; QB Ben Chappell, Jr. Returning starters — 6 offense, 9 defense.

Notes: Former starting QB-turned-receiver Kellen Lewis booted off team in April for violating team rules. ... Kirlew's 10.5 sacks tied for second in Big Ten, but Middleton trying to reclaim '07 form (16 sacks) after just four last year.

— Genaro C. Armas

SIX PACK

BIG GAMES WORTH NOTING

By Ralph D. Russo/The Associated Press

Six games that will help determine the BCS national championship game. So don't miss them!

Oregon at Boise State, Sept. 3. Opening night and the national title is on the line. OK, that's probably a bit much. But understand this: If the Broncos beat the Ducks on the Blue Turf, Boise State is likely on its way to another undefeated regular season.

Virginia Tech vs. Alabama at Atlanta, Sept. 5. The Crimson Tide used an opening-game demolition of Clemson last year to vault into national title contention. This game should do the same for the winner.

USC at Ohio State, Sept. 12. The Trojans dusted the Buckeyes 35-3 last year in Los Angeles. The Buckeyes get their chance for payback against a USC team that will be traveling to hostile territory with a quarterback, freshman Matt Barkley, making his first college start.

Florida at LSU, Oct. 10. One could argue the Georgia game is the toughest on the Gators' schedule, but that's on a neutral field. LSU is one of the few teams in the country that can match athletes with the defending national champions.

Oklahoma vs. Texas at Dallas, Oct. 17. Somewhere a Texas fan is reading this and thinking: "Well, it didn't decide anything last year." Bold prediction: The winner of this game takes the Big 12 South.

Ohio State at Penn State, Nov. 7. If the Buckeyes can handle the Trojans in September, the schedule sets up nicely for them to be unbeaten heading to Happy Valley, where the Nittany Lions could be waiting with an unblemished record.

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ng battles with crosstown rival Southern California. That's a good step. Now the Bruins have to start moving quickly toward being a Pac-10 contender.

Miami. For the past two years, Randy Shannon has been restocking the shelves at Miami with blue-chip recruits, and dealing with the frustration that comes with fielding an inexperienced lineup. The Hurricanes are a bit green, but it's time to get out of the middle of the Atlantic Coast Conference pack.

Texas A&M. While Texas and Texas Tech were contending for a national title last year, Texas A&M was languishing through an ugly 4-8 season under first-year coach Mike Sherman. It looks as if it'll be at least a couple of years before the Aggies can hope to contend in the Big 12 South. But that's what makes this season so important. In their neighborhood, the Aggies can't afford to fall further behind.

Colorado. Dan Hawkins stormed into Boulder in 2006, spreading Hawk Love and hope for a program trying to emerge from a scandal. Three years later, the Buffaloes have won 13 games.

It's time for the Buffs to be relevant again, even if the fans in Boulder tend to be a patient bunch.

"You know, we won't be satisfied until we win them all, until we're playing for a national championship. How close we are to that, I don't know. … I think we will be a better football team."

Bo Pelini, Nebraska coach

Huskers: Tough schedule awaits

HUSKERS, FROM BACK PAGE

Remember, the Huskers are 5-19 against The Associated Press Top 25 since beating Oklahoma in 2001. The highest-ranked opponent they've defeated the past seven seasons was No. 20 Michigan in the 2005 Alamo Bowl.

"You know, we won't be satisfied until we win them all, until we're playing for a national championship," Pelini said.

"How close we are to that, I don't know. I believe we have enough resources, enough talent to compete with everybody on our schedule. I think we will be a better football team. How that plays into wins and losses, we'll see that in December."

The schedule gets tougher this season.

Nebraska goes on the road to play Virginia Tech and Missouri — teams that beat the Huskers in Lincoln last year — and trips to Baylor and Kansas could spell trouble.

The Huskers also play Oklahoma and Texas Tech at home.

Rob Zatechka, a member of the 1994 national title team's "Pipeline" offensive line, said that even though Nebraska is an improving team, that schedule has him worried.

"Nebraska is very much primed for a sophomore slump under Pelini," he said.

"I don't mean that as having a bad year. I think if they get nine wins this season, it's going to be a great year."

Pelini can count on the fans' support. They showed up en masse and had to stomach games in which Callahan's teams weren't even competitive. They'll stretch Nebraska's sellout streak at Memorial Stadium past 300 games this season, a continuing NCAA record that dates to the Kennedy administration.

It's said in Nebraska that on home games, Memorial Stadium, which has a seating capacity of 81,000, becomes the third-largest city in the state.

Pelini will have a long leash as a result of his good first season, said Steve Glenn, an offensive lineman in the late 1970s and past president of the Nebraska letterman's club.

"I don't know if anyone would feel bad if we got beat this year as long as it's by a better team," Glenn said.

"If we get beat by effort, then I think people want heads to roll. That's how we got beat with the former regime."

Pelini, 41, is building for the future by emphasizing elements of Nebraska's past under Devaney and Osborne.

The defense, which put up the worst numbers in school history in 2007, is attacking again and features one of the nation's marquee players in nose tackle Ndamukong Suh.

The offense is a question mark with quarterback Zac Lee making the transition from No. 3 on the depth chart to starter.

But then there are the intangibles.

"We've gotten back to the basics of attitude, effort and believing in what you're doing," said Husker Sports Network radio commentator Adrian Fiala, a Nebraska linebacker in the 1960s.

"I don't know if that was around here the four years the other staff was here."

Pelini said his first task was to build trust and make his players believe that they could win again.

"They were like a beaten-down child," he said.

A pivotal point came in early October, after a 52-17 loss at home to Missouri. Moments after the game, Pelini stood before the media and took responsibility for the loss, saying that he didn't give his players the best chance to win.

The bond between players and the coach strengthened.

"He proved he's going to be 100 percent with you," Suh said.

Pelini simplified his schemes, ratcheted up the blitzing, and the Huskers ended up second in defense in the high-scoring Big 12.

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, Pelini's former boss, said he's not surprised by Nebraska's rapid improvement.

"It's just great fundamentals — being physical, being great on defense," he said. "That's what he stands for."

The chain of events that started Nebraska's fall to irrelevance can be traced to the end of the Osborne's Hall of Fame career. The Huskers were on an all-time high, going 60-3 from 1993-97 and winning three national titles.

Osborne retired at age 60 on the condition that Solich be his successor. The winning continued — Solich went 31-7 with one Big 12 title in his first three seasons — until the last of the players recruited under Osborne were gone.

After going 9-3 in 2003, Solich was ousted.

Pelini, the defensive coordinator, was chosen interim coach and led the Huskers to an Alamo Bowl victory over Michigan State before being sent packing by Steve Pederson, who replaced Bill Byrne as athletic director in 2003.

A protracted coaching search ended with the hiring of Callahan, who had just been fired as Oakland Raiders coach.

Under Callahan and Pederson, a Nebraska native and former Huskers recruiting coordinator, the program lost touch with its past and continued to fall from the ranks of the elite.

Trying to go back to the future, Osborne was hired as athletic director two years ago. He fired Callahan and hired Pelini.

Pelini has embraced the culture that grew out of the Devaney and Osborne eras, one that emphasizes physical play and strives for domination.

"It's about putting on the pads and representing that 'N' the right way," he said.

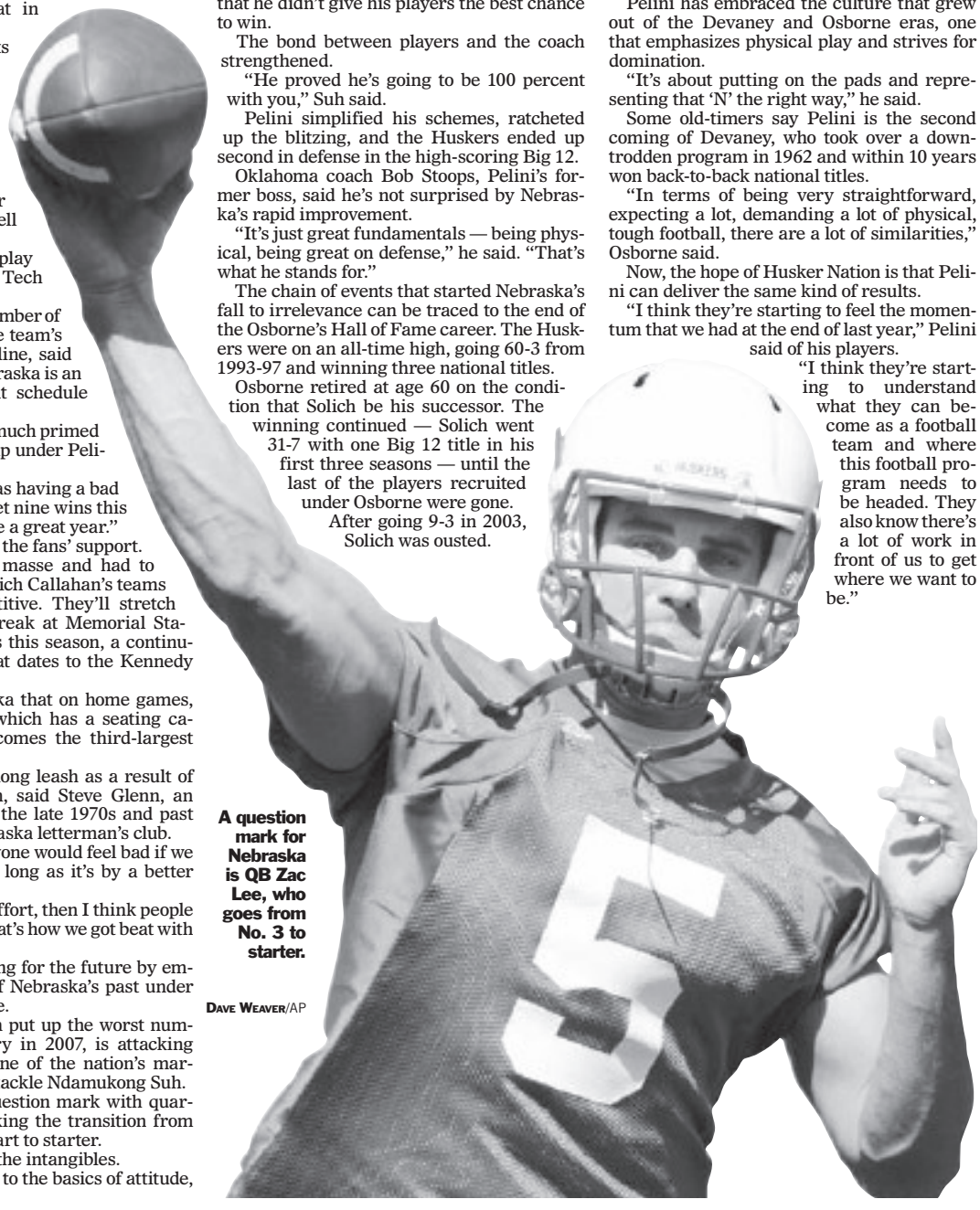
Some old-timers say Pelini is the second coming of Devaney, who took over a downtrodden program in 1962 and within 10 years won back-to-back national titles.

"In terms of being very straightforward, expecting a lot, demanding a lot of physical, tough football, there are a lot of similarities," Osborne said.

Now, the hope of Husker Nation is that Pelini can deliver the same kind of results.

"I think they're starting to feel the momentum that we had at the end of last year," Pelini said of his players.

"I think they're starting to understand what they can become as a football team and where this football program needs to be headed. They also know there's a lot of work in front of us to get where we want to be."



A question mark for Nebraska is QB Zac Lee, who goes from No. 3 to starter.

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2009 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEW: BIG 12

It's Texas, OU again

North Division

NEBRASKA

Key players: RB Roy Helu Jr. Jr.; C Jacob Hickman, Sr.; DT Ndamukong Suh, Sr.; Returning starters — 5 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: The Cornhuskers tied Missouri for first in the North last season, but lost head-to-head. ... Nebraska allowed 350 yards per game, a 127-yard improvement under new coach Bo Pelini.

KANSAS

Key players: WR Dezmon Briscoe, Jr.; WR Kerry Meier, Sr.; QB Todd Reesing, Sr.; RB Jake Sharp, Sr.; S Darrell Stuckey, Sr. Returning starters — 8 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: The Jayhawks have key offensive weapons back, but will switch from 4-3 to 4-2-5 base defense to make up for the loss of all three starting linebackers.

MISSOURI

Key players: DL Jaron Baston, Sr.; OL Kurtis Gregory, Sr.; WR Jared Perry, Sr.; RB Derrick Washington, Jr.; LB Sean Weatherspoon, Sr. Returning starters — 5 offense, 4 defense.

Notes: Weatherspoon led the Big 12 with 11.1 tackles a game. ... Washington was a 1,000-yard rusher, but gone are QB Chase Daniel (4,335 yards passing) and WR/KR Jeremy Maclin (102 catches, 13 TDs).

COLORADO

Key players: WR Scotty McKnight, Jr.; LB Jeff Smart, Sr.; CB Jimmy Smith, Jr.; TB Rodney Stewart, So. Returning starters — 8 offense, 5 defense.

Notes: The Buffs first have to determine their No. 1 quarterback — returning starter Cody Hawkins, the coach's son, or dual-threat sophomore Tyler Hansen. ... That "10 wins and no excuses" offseason comment by coach Dan Hawkins? He says it wasn't a guarantee.

KANSAS STATE

Key players: WR Brandon Banks, Sr.; DE Eric Childs, Sr.; QB Carson Coffman, Jr.; TE Jeron Mastrud, Sr.; CB Joshua Moore. Jr. Returning starters — 5 offense, 8 defense.

Notes: Three-year starting QB Josh Freeman left early for the NFL, but Bill Snyder is out of retirement to coach in a stadium named after him. Ron Prince was 17-20, but Snyder finished with two losing seasons after winning the Big 12 championship in 2003.

IOWA STATE

Key players: QB Austen Arnaud, Jr.; DL Nate Frere, Sr.; RB Alexander Robinson, Jr.; OL Reggie Stephens, Sr. Returning starters — 9 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: Coach Gene Chizik was hired by Auburn, despite having a 5-19 record and losing his last 10 games. Paul Rhoads, who was Auburn's defensive coordinator, relishes having his first head job 10 minutes from where he was born.

— Stephen Hawkins

Road to national title may run through South Division

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
The Associated Press

There may be no more difficult path to a national championship than through the Big 12 South.

Ask Texas, which was 11-1 in the regular season last year and didn't even make the Big 12 championship game because of a three-way tiebreaker.

"It may work for us this year," said Longhorns coach Mack Brown, still no proponent of the tiebreaker. "We need to learn from that and move on, quit talking about the system and just go play."

When they do, they may have to win every conference game to avoid another tiebreaker.

Yes, it could be that tight again in the division that had four teams in the AP Top 10 for several weeks last season. In the Big 12 preseason media poll this year — league coaches don't do one — Texas and Oklahoma tied for first.

Heisman Trophy runner-up Colt McCoy, already with 32 victories, will reset the record for a Texas quarterback each time he wins another game. Oklahoma junior quarterback Sam Bradford, the Heisman winner, also returns.

Bradford, whose Sooners lost to Florida in the BCS championship game, opted for another try instead of going to the NFL early. So did tight end Jermaine Gresham and left tackle Trent Williams.

Oklahoma and Texas Tech were also 11-1 in the 2008 regular season. The Sooners made the Big 12 title game against Missouri (and won by 41 points) thanks to the fifth tiebreaker, the BCS standings. Texas was No. 3 in that final poll despite beating Missouri by 35 points and Oklahoma by 10. Tech had been 10-0 and ranked second before a 44-point loss at Oklahoma.

"I don't know how it works, man," Gresham said. "We just play football."

Oklahoma has won three consecutive Big 12 titles despite losing to Texas twice in that span.

Texas Tech has to replace quarterback Graham Harrell, who threw for an NCAA-record 134 touchdowns and had two 5,000-yard seasons, and receiver Michael Crabtree, a first-round NFL pick after leaving Lubbock early.

Still, coach Mike Leach doesn't sound overly concerned about a new quarterback, junior Taylor Potts, and new receivers in his passing scheme.

"It's a yearly ritual, honestly," Leach said. "I don't feel like there's a big letdown."

Oklahoma State, whose only losses were to South Division foes ranked Nos. 1, 2 and 3, returns quarterback Zac Robinson, receiver Dez Bryant (19 TDs), and Big 12 rushing leader Kendall Hunter (1,555 yards, 16 TDs).

"Unfortunately, we're one of the few teams that can be in the top 10 in most polls and be third in our division," coach Mike Gundy said.

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Tight end Jermaine Gresham gave up an opportunity to play in the NFL to return to Oklahoma for another shot at all the marbles.

HARRY CABLUCK/AP

Texas quarterback Colt McCoy returns for his senior season at Texas with a chance to win the Heisman Trophy and the national championship. Standing in his way are last year's Heisman winner, Sam Bradford, and Big 12 South rival Oklahoma, which has national title aspirations of its own. The teams collide on Oct. 17.

South Division

TEXAS

Key players: LB Sergio Kindle, Sr.; QB Colt McCoy, Sr.; LB Roddrick Muckelroy, Sr.; WR Jordan Shipley, Sr. Returning starters — 9 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: McCoy's 32 victories are two more than Vince Young, who led Texas to the 2005 national title. ... The Longhorns allowed 343 yards per game, No. 51 for FBS teams but best in Big 12.

OKLAHOMA

Key players: QB Sam Bradford, Jr.; CB Dominique Franks, Jr.; TE Jermaine Gresham, Sr.; DT Gerald McCoy, Jr.; RB DeMarco Murray, Jr. Returning starters — 5 offense, 9 defense.

Notes: The Sooners have to replace four starting offensive linemen. ... Also gone are a trio of receivers who had half of Bradford's 4,720 yards passing and 21 of his NCAA-best 50 TDs.

OKLAHOMA STATE

Key players: WR Dez Bryant, Jr.; RB Kendall Hunter, Jr.; OT Russell Okung, Sr.; QB Zac Robinson, Sr.; LB Andre Sexton, Sr. Returning starters — 8 offense, 6 defense.

Notes: Robinson already has the school record with 7,786 total yards. He needs five passing TDs to break Josh Fields' career record. ... New defensive coordinator Bill Young is an Oklahoma State graduate.

BAYLOR

Key players: RB Jay Finley, Jr.; QB Robert Griffin, So.; S Jordan Lake, Sr.; LB Joe Pawelek, Sr.; WR Kendall Wright, So. Returning starters — 9 offense, 9 defense.

Notes: Griffin threw for 2,091 yards and 15 TDs and ran for 843 yards and 13 TDs before his 19th birthday. ... Three losses were by seven points or less, including to Missouri and Texas Tech.

TEXAS TECH

Key players: OL Brandon Carter, Sr.; LB Brian Duncan, Jr.; QB Taylor Potts, Jr.; DB Jamar Wall, Sr.; DL Colby Whitlock, Jr. Returning starters — 4 offense, 7 defense.

Notes: Coach Mike Leach signed a five-year, $12.7 million contract extension after a 15-minute session with the school chancellor ended months of contentious negotiations.

TEXAS A&M

Key players: WR Jeff Fuller, So.; RB-KR Cyrus Gray, So.; QB Jerrod Johnson, Jr.; DE Von Miller, Jr.; QB/WR Ryan Tannehill, So. Returning starters — 9 offense, 4 defense.

Notes: The Aggies ended last season with three straight losses by a combined 98 points in head coach Mike Sherman's first season. ... Texas A&M finished at bottom of the Big 12 South for the first time in the league's 13 seasons.

— Stephen Hawkins

SPORTS

Clijsters wins opener in her first Grand Slam event since 2007, Page 28

2009 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEW: NEBRASKA ON THE RISE

Pelini positions Nebraska to return to the glory days of Devaney, Osborne

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IN BO THEY TRUST

BY ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb.

Bo Pelini downplays the notion that maybe, just maybe, Nebraska is on the verge of recapturing its glory on the gridiron.

Unlike his predecessor, he knows and embraces the history of the program he took over.

So he knows that what his first Cornhuskers team accomplished would have elicited little more than a pat on the back, if that, in the Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne eras. "We're not in the business of celebrating nine-win seasons at Nebraska," Pelini said.

Understandable, considering that the Cornhuskers strung together 33 consecutive seasons of at least nine victories from 1969 through 2001 and won at least a piece of five national championships.

After a four-year malaise under Bill Callahan, next in line after the firing of Osborne's hand-picked successor, Frank Solich, Nebraska had a four-victory improvement to 9-4 in 2008, Pelini's first season. With triumphs in six of the last seven games, including a thrilling 26-21 Gator Bowl victory over Clemson, signs point to the Huskers becoming relevant again on the national scene.

Nebraska, the Big 12 North favorite, has its share of potential flaws — quarterback, receivers, linebackers among them. But fans, many of whom wear "In Bo We Trust" T-shirts, are convinced that Pelini is the right man at the right time.

Pelini refuses to get caught up in the excitement. He's repeated through training camp that the team has a long way to go to meet his expectations, let alone match the level of the powerful squads of yesteryear.

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MARQUEE PROGRAMS AT CROSSROADS

By Ralph D. Russo/The Associated Press

Nebraska football finds itself at a crossroads.

The Cornhuskers were improved in coach Bo Pelini's first season. In his second, they're primed to reclaim the Big 12 North from Missouri and Kansas, a big step toward becoming a super power again.

Six other marquee programs are entering pivotal seasons, too.

Michigan. Rich Rodriguez's first season in Ann Arbor was one of the worst in the history of college football's winningest program.

It's unrealistic to think Michigan will be back in the thick of the Big Ten race after going 3-9 with a very inexperienced squad in 2008.

But significant progress must be made this season, because when your competition is Ohio State, slow and steady doesn't cut it.

Tennessee. Normally, a coach in his first season gets time to put his stamp on a team.

Lane Kiffin has been throwing haymakers since he landed in Knoxville, making it clear he expects the Volunteers to be going toe-to-toe with Florida and Georgia in the SEC East sooner rather than later.

So much for the honeymoon.

UCLA. Another team in Year 2 of a coaching regime.

Rick Nueheisel has won recruiti-

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Vols coach Lane Kiffin

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Inside: Big 12 preview. It looks like another shootout between Texas and Oklahoma for the conference crown and a shot at the national title. **Page 31.**

Model of consistency: Big Ten preview. Penn State and Ohio State hope to overcome the stigma attached to disappointing bowl defeats. **Page 29.**

Coming Thursday: After two seasons of splitting time with Sean Glennon at quarterback, Virginia Tech is fleet-footed Tyrod Taylor's team now.

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